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STATION WMET-TV
HONORING AMERICA'S
GREATEST HERO--
SUPERMAN-
THE MAN OF STEEL!

Who is the **MYSTERY MASQUERADER?**

ALL MY FRIENDS
ARE HERE TO
CONGRATULATE ME--
BUT WILL ANYONE
GUESS WHO IS THE
MAN DISGUISED AS
CLARK KENT, MY
SECRET IDENTITY?!



FEATURING ALL THE MEMBERS OF
THE "SUPERMAN FAMILY" in...
**"The SUPERMAN
SUPER-SPECTACULAR!"**

THROW YOUR VOICE



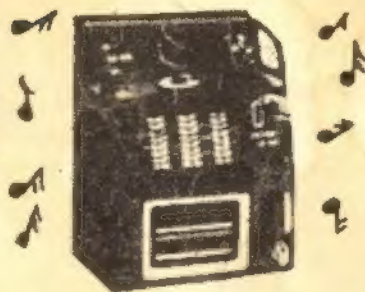
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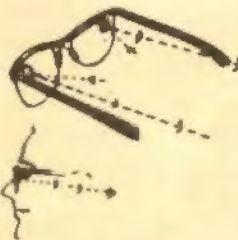
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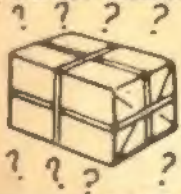


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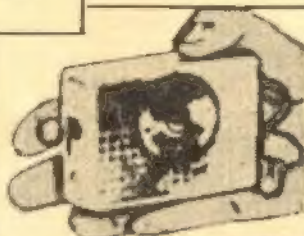
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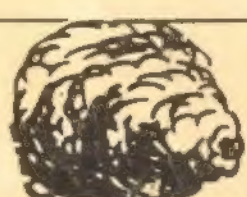
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KRYPTO ... SUPER-HORSE ... STREAKY ... SUPER-MONKEY ...
The "LOOK-ALIKE" SQUAD of KANDOR ...
THE JIMMY OLSEN FAN CLUB
and
"THE MYSTERY GUEST"

?
**WHO IS THE
MYSTERY
GUEST**

LANA, IF EITHER CLARK KENT OR SUPERMAN WERE A ROBOT, THIS DETECTOR - GADGET WOULD CLICK! BUT NOTHING IS HAPPENING! THAT MEANS THEY'RE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE! OUR THEORY ABOUT SUPERMAN IS - WRONG!



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MEANWHILE, PERRY WHITE MAKES A VERY PRIVATE AND VERY UNUSUAL PHONE CALL...

YES, MR. **PRESIDENT**--BY NOW **SUPERMAN** IS ON HIS WAY! AND HE DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING!



SO MUCH DEPENDS ON **SUPERMAN** NOT LEARNING THE TRUTH! WE MUST GO ON DECEIVING HIM!



ELSEWHERE, THE UNSUSPECTING **SUPERMAN** FINALLY LOCATES THE NOSE CONE, BUT...

A SLEEPING GIANT SQUID'S TENTACLES ARE WOUND ABOUT IT! IF I TRY TO GRAB THE CONE, THE TENTACLES MIGHT MOMENTARILY TIGHTEN IN A REFLEX ACTION, AND DAMAGE THE SENSITIVE INSTRUMENTS!



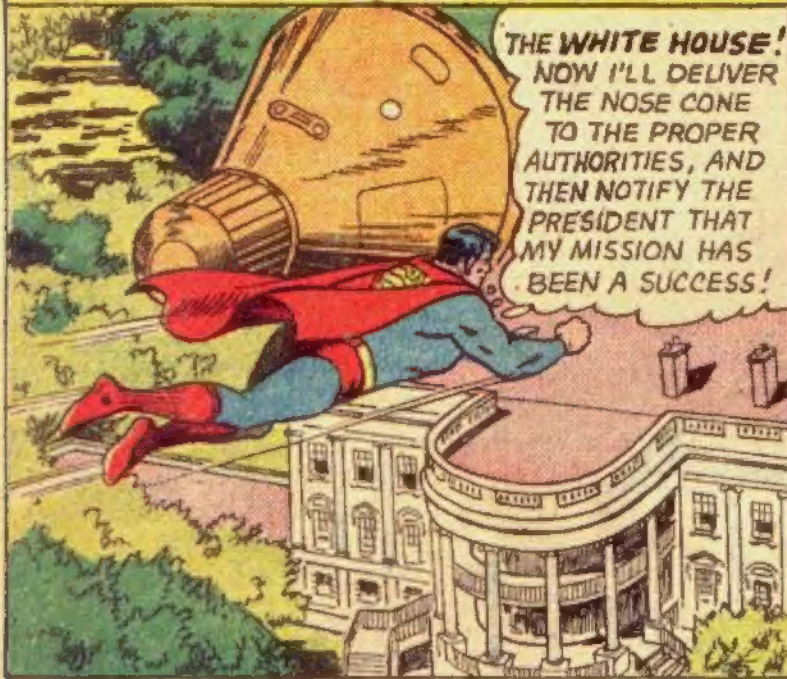
A TRICKY PROBLEM--BUT **SUPERMAN** HAS THE TRICKY SOLUTION ...

BY WHIRLING AT SUPER-SPEED, I'VE CREATED A WATER SPOUT THAT'S CARRYING THE SQUID AND NOSE CONE UP OUT OF THE SEA!



JUST AS I FIGURED--BEING IN THE OPEN AIR MADE THAT WATER-BREATHING SQUID RELEASE ITS GRIP ON THE NOSE CONE!

SOMETIME LATER, OVER THE NATION'S CAPITOL...



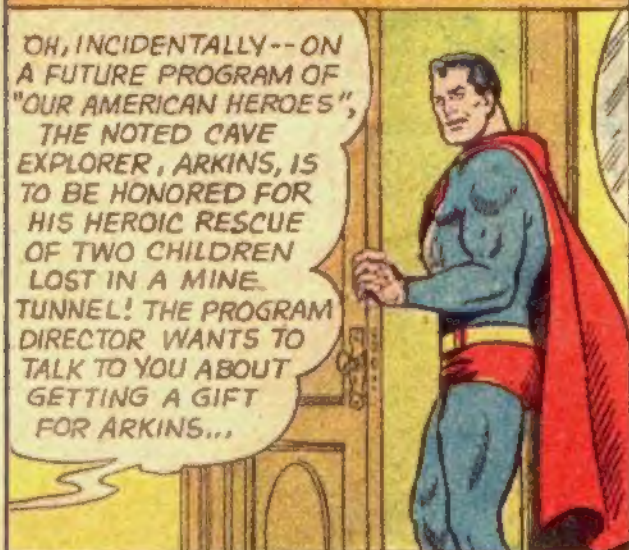
THE WHITE HOUSE!
NOW I'LL DELIVER
THE NOSE CONE
TO THE PROPER
AUTHORITIES, AND
THEN NOTIFY THE
PRESIDENT THAT
MY MISSION HAS
BEEN A SUCCESS!

SHORTLY, **SUPERMAN** RECEIVES THE PERSONAL
THANKS OF THE PRESIDENT...



YOU'VE DONE YOUR COUNTRY A
GREAT SERVICE! **SUPERMAN**,
IF EVER I CAN REPAY YOU BY
HELPING YOU IN ANY WAY, DON'T
HESITATE TO CALL ON ME!

THEN, AS **SUPERMAN** IS ABOUT TO LEAVE...



OH, INCIDENTALLY--ON
A FUTURE PROGRAM OF
"OUR AMERICAN HEROES",
THE NOTED CAVE
EXPLORER, ARKINS, IS
TO BE HONORED FOR
HIS HEROIC RESCUE
OF TWO CHILDREN
LOST IN A MINE
TUNNEL! THE PROGRAM
DIRECTOR WANTS TO
TALK TO YOU ABOUT
GETTING A GIFT
FOR ARKINS...

ONCE **SUPERMAN** LEAVES, THE PRESIDENT MAKES A MYSTERIOUS
PHONE CALL...



I'VE
SENT **SUPERMAN** TO
YOU AS PLANNED! YOU
KNOW WHAT TO DO
NOW!

RIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT--
I'LL PUT **SUPERMAN** TO
WORK AT ONCE!

LATER, **SUPERMAN** BURROWS DEEP... DEEP INTO
THE CENTER OF THE EARTH...



A SPELUNKER LIKE ARKINS
WILL APPRECIATE THIS GIFT--
A RARE METAL FROM THE FIERY
CORE OF THE EARTH!

AFTERWARD, AS THE MAN OF STEEL REPORTS TO
THE PRODUCER OF THE TV SHOW, "OUR AMERICAN
HEROES..."



ER--AT A FUTURE
DATE, THE SHOW IS PAYING
TRIBUTE TO DR. REX JONAS
FOR HIS GREAT MEDICAL
DISCOVERIES, AND...

...AND YOU WANT
MY HELP IN
ARRANGING A
SUITABLE GIFT
FOR HIM! I'LL
BE GLAD TO DO
IT, OF COURSE!

LATER, SOMEWHERE IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE...

THE JUICES OF THIS UNIQUE PLANT HAVE BEEN USED FOR HEALING BY AMAZON INDIANS FOR CENTURIES! DR. JONAS WILL APPRECIATE HAVING THE PLANT FOR RESEARCH!



THAT JOB DONE, **SUPERMAN** IS GIVEN STILL ANOTHER TASK--THEN ANOTHER--AND ANOTHER!

I'VE HAD QUITE A BUSY DAY--RUSHING FROM ONE CHORE TO ANOTHER! NOW THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR WANTS ME IN THE STOREROOM FOR ANOTHER JOB!



BUT, AS **SUPERMAN** FLIES INTO WHAT HE THINKS IS THE STOREROOM...

WH-WHAT! THIS ISN'T THE STOREROOM--IT'S A TV STUDIO!

CORRECT, **SUPERMAN**--AND RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE ON CAMERA!



KNOWING YOU ARE TOO MODEST TO ACCEPT PRAISE, WE KEPT YOU DISTRACTED WITH VARIOUS MISSIONS SO YOU WOULDN'T GUESS THE TRUTH! EVERYONE'S COOPERATED--PERRY WHITE--AND EVEN THE PRESIDENT!

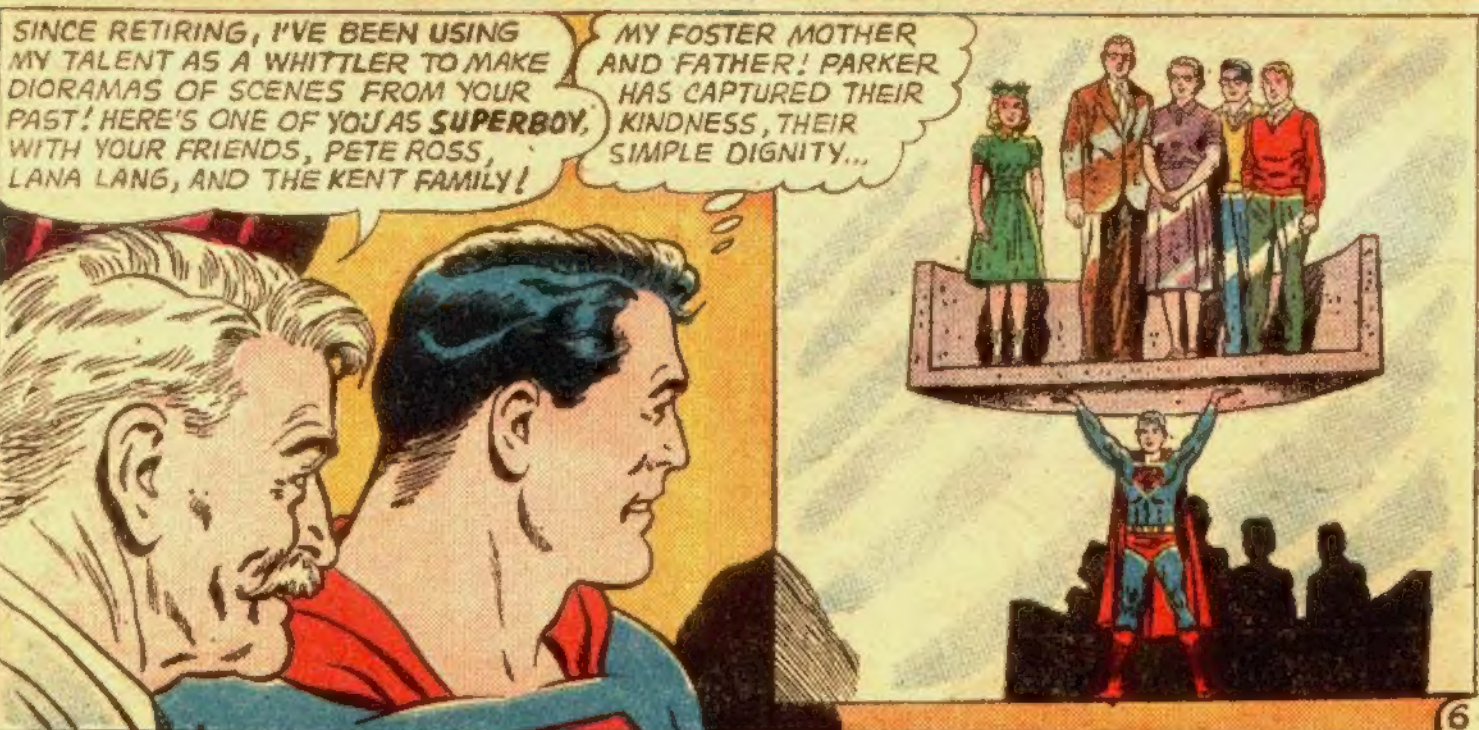
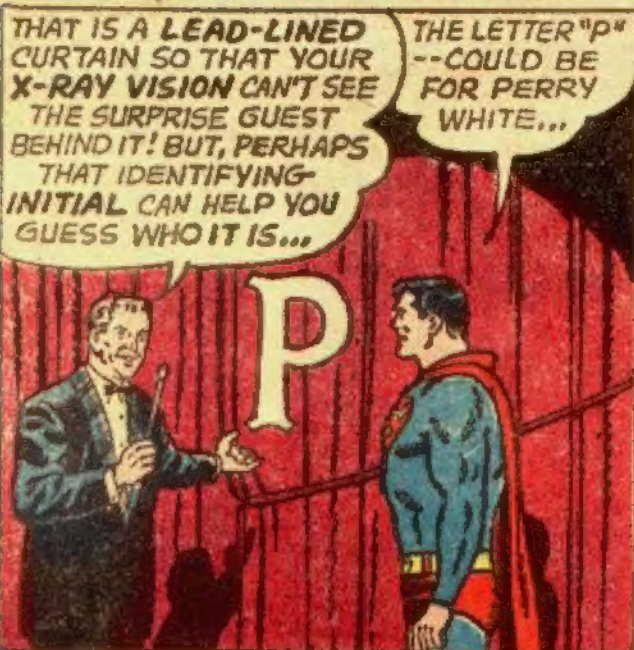
BUT--WHY..?



THIS IS THE FIRST TELECAST OF THE TV SHOW, "OUR AMERICAN HEROES". IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT YOU BE OUR FIRST HONORED GUEST, FOR YOU, **SUPERMAN**, ARE--OUR GREATEST AMERICAN HERO!



TIME OUT FOR THE COMMERCIAL--AND SUPERMAN'S SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP WHISPERED WORDS...





TO SUPERMAN AND THE VAST TV AUDIENCE, THE EX-POLICE CHIEF UNVEILS MANY DIORAMAS...



LATER, HIS APPEARANCE OVER, PARKER LEAVES THE STAGE, AND...



THEN, DURING THE NEXT COMMERCIAL, AS SUPERMAN CHATS WITH LORI, THE MERMAID FROM SUNKEN ATLANTIS...



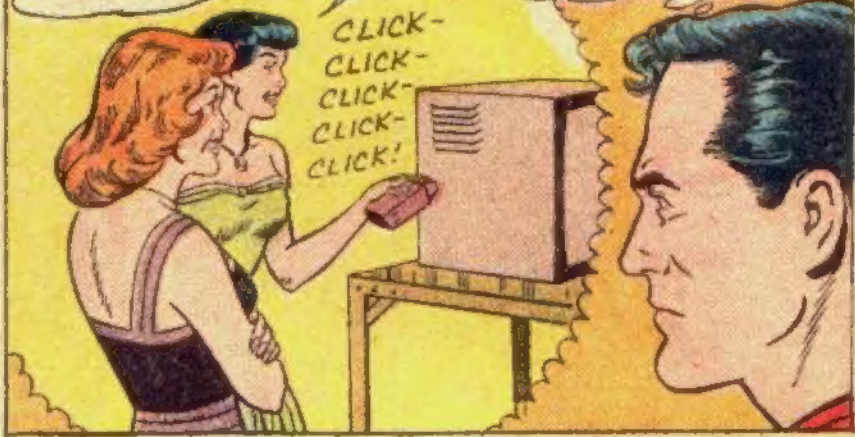
WHEN THE GIRLS ARE ALONE IN THE ROOM ADJOINING THE STUDIO SET...



WHEN I SECRETLY AIMED IT AT SUPERMAN BEFORE, NOTHING HAPPENED --BECAUSE THIS GADGET ONLY REGISTERS **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT!** BUT HEAR WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I POINT IT AT AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE SUCH AS A TV SET...



IF **SUPERMAN** IS CLARK KENT, HE'LL HAVE TO SUMMON A ROBOT TO TAKE HIS PLACE AND APPEAR ON THIS SHOW--AND SINCE ALL HIS ROBOTS WORK ELECTRONICALLY, THIS GADGET WILL EXPOSE IT--AND **SUPERMAN'S** SECRET IDENTITY!



LUCKILY, I USED MY SUPER-HEARING TO EAVESDROP! HMM! SINCE I DON'T DARE USE A ROBOT NOW, WHAT CAN I DO TO COVER UP MY CLARK KENT IDENTITY?

CLICK-CLICK-CLICK-CLICK!

ABSORBED WITH HIS THOUGHTS, **SUPERMAN** IS UNAWARE THAT A SPOTLIGHT HAS BROKEN FROM ITS CLAMP ON THE CATWALK, AND...



THAT SPOTLIGHT--IT WILL CRASH DOWN ON ME!

SUDDENLY, A FIGURE FLASHES FORWARD...



A SUPER-PUFF WILL BLOW THAT SPOTLIGHT AWAY FROM LORI!

SUPERGIRL!



I WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR NEXT-- BUT I'M NOT ALONE! I'VE ALSO BROUGHT YOUR SUPER-DOG PET, **KRYPTO**--PLUS **STREAKY, SUPER-MONKEY** AND **SUPER-HORSE!** THEY DECIDED ON A SUPER-SPECTACULAR ENTRANCE!

AND SO THE SHOW GOES ON, THRILLING THE TV AUDIENCE AWAITING **SUPERMAN'S** NEXT SURPRISE GUEST...

NOW, **SUPERMAN**-- DOES THE LETTER "K" HAVE ANY MEANING FOR YOU? IT MUST BE FOR **KRYPTO**-- BUT NO, IT CAN'T BE, BECAUSE **KRYPTO** JUST APPEARED WITH THE OTHER SUPER-PETS...

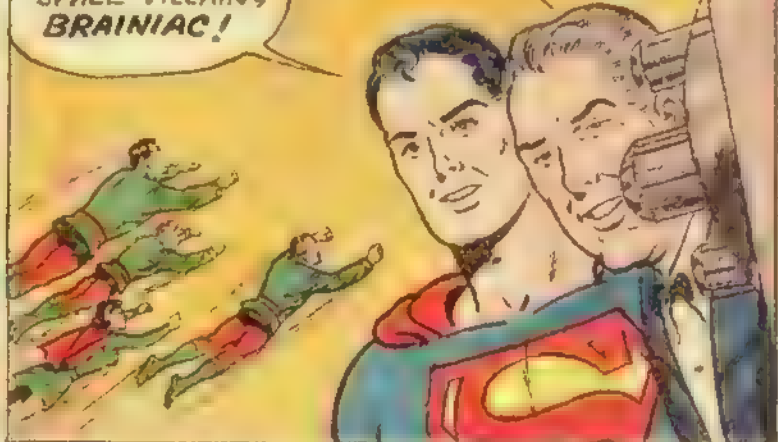


THEN THE CURTAINS PART, TO REVEAL...

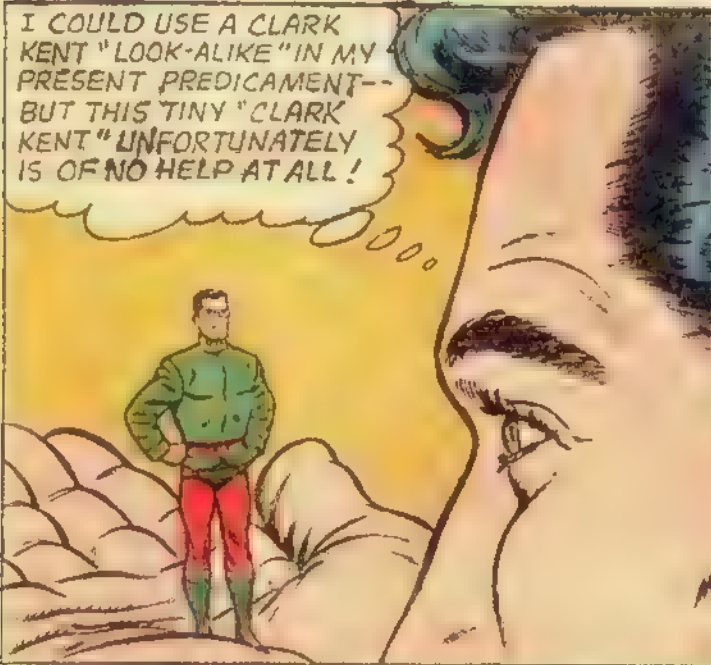
YES-- AND IT'S THE

KANDORIANS-- FROM THE KRYPTONIAN CITY SHRUNKEN TO TINY SIZE AND SEALED IN A BOTTLE BY THE SPACE-VILLAIN, **BRAINIAC**!

FAMOUS "**LOOK-ALIKE SQUAD**" --A CLUB OF KANDORIANS WHO RESEMBLE YOUR FRIENDS, LOIS, PERRY WHITE, AND OTHERS!



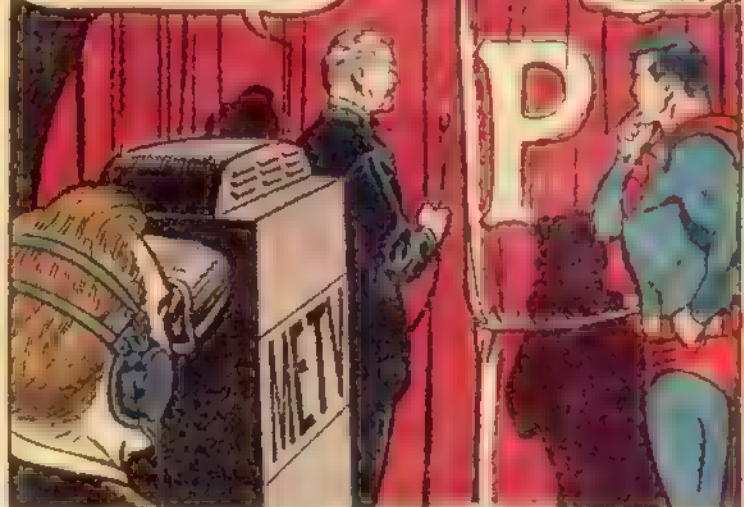
I COULD USE A CLARK KENT "LOOK-ALIKE" IN MY PRESENT PREDICAMENT-- BUT THIS TINY "CLARK KENT" UNFORTUNATELY IS OF NO HELP AT ALL!



AS THE TV SPECTACULAR CONTINUES...

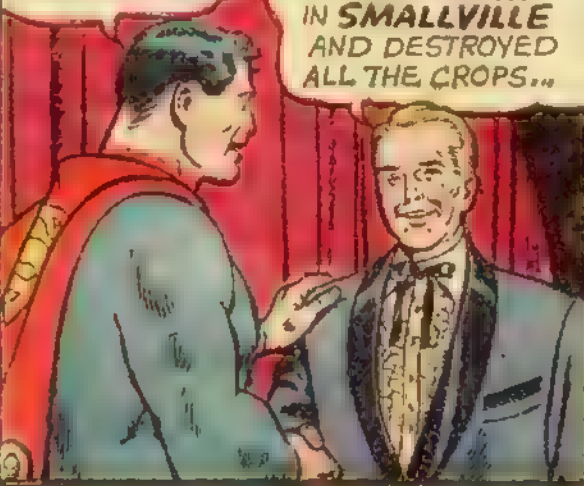
THIS LETTER IS A CLUE TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW VERY WELL!

"P"-- CAN IT BE FOR PERRY?



PETE ROSS-- ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS I HAD WHEN I WAS A BOY! YOU LOOK GREAT--AND SO PROSPEROUS!

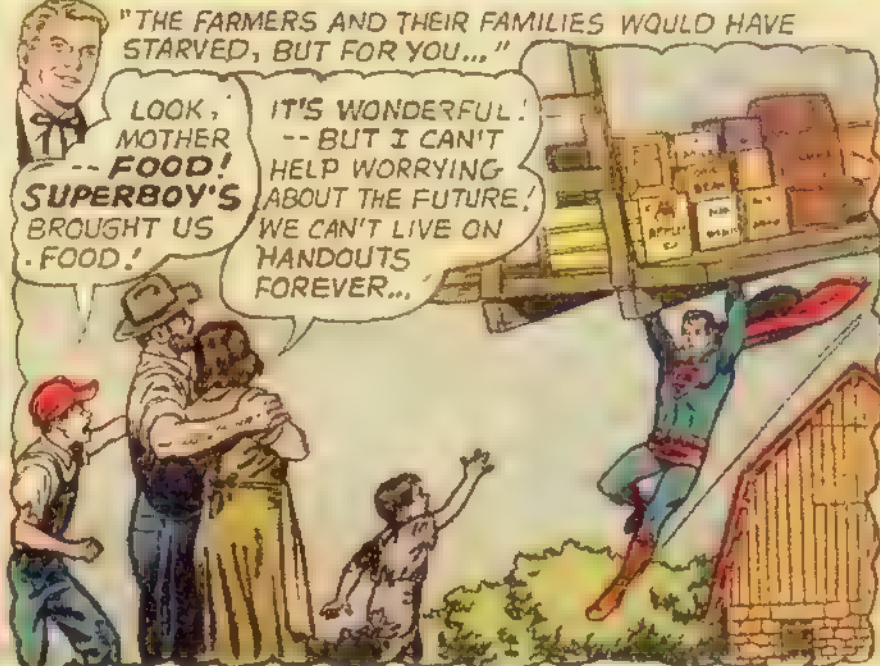
IN A SENSE, IT'S ALL DUE TO YOU! DO YOU REMEMBER THE TIME A DROUGHT HIT THE FARMS IN **SMALLVILLE** AND DESTROYED ALL THE CROPS...



"THE FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WOULD HAVE STARVED, BUT FOR YOU..."

LOOK, MOTHER -- **FOOD!** **SUPERBOY'S** BROUGHT US **FOOD!**

IT'S WONDERFUL! -- BUT I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT THE FUTURE! WE CAN'T LIVE ON HANDOUTS FOREVER...





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"YOU KNEW THE PROUD FARMERS WOULDN'T GO ON ACCEPTING CHARITY--SO YOU SEARCHED FOR AN ANSWER--AND FOUND IT!"

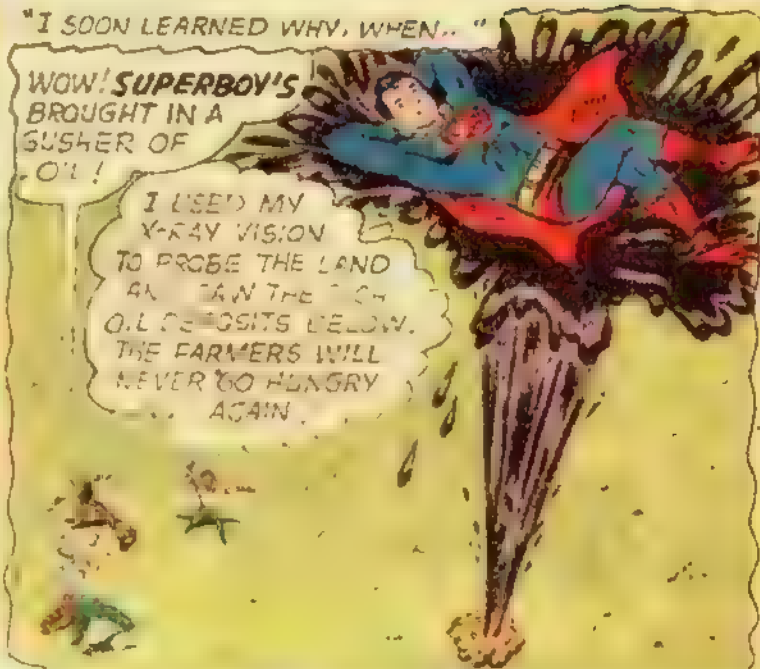
SUPERBOY--BURROWING INTO THE GROUND? BUT WHY?



"I SOON LEARNED WHY, WHEN..."

WOW! SUPERBOY'S BROUGHT IN A GUSHER OF OIL!

I USED MY X-RAY VISION TO PROBE THE LAND AND FIND THE OIL DEPOSITS BELOW. THE FARMERS WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY AGAIN.

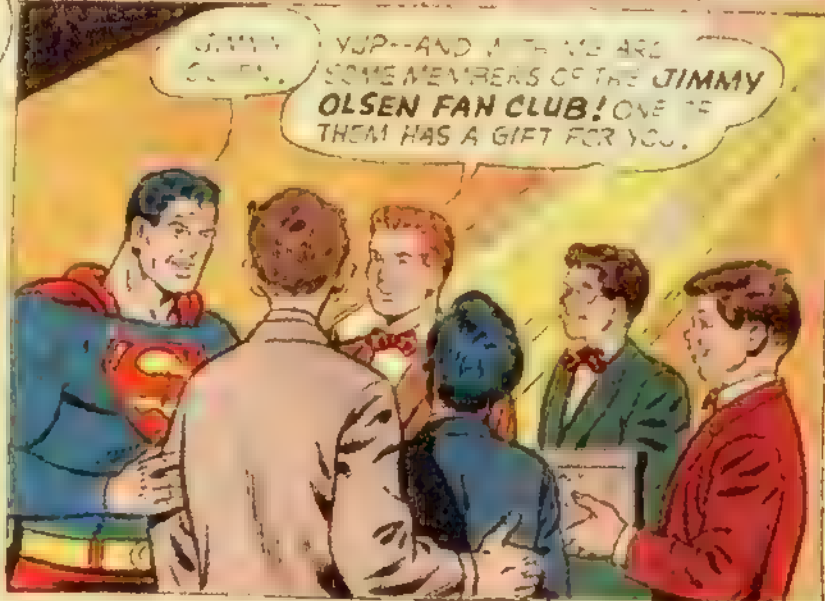


THAT FEAT INSPIRED ME TO BECOME A GEOLOGIST! I'VE BECOME RICH--BUT I'VE HAD THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING I'VE MADE OTHERS RICH, TOO--BY FINDING OIL IN FIELDS ONCE CONSIDERED WORTHLESS!

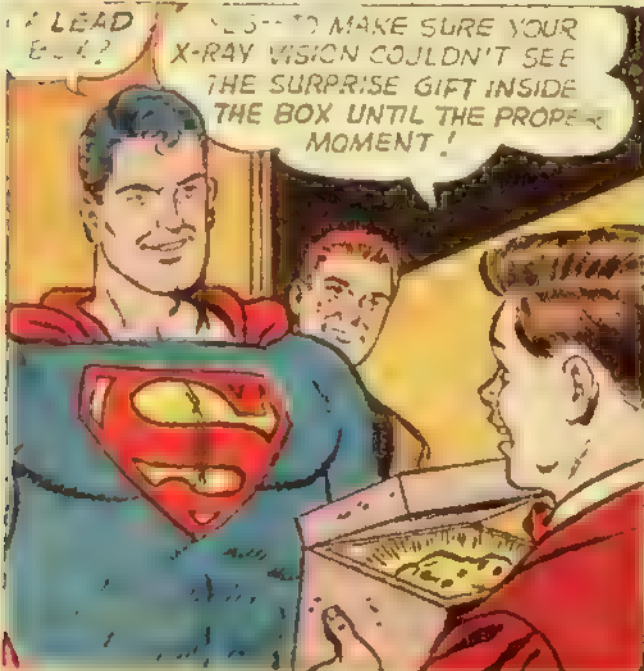


THIS, PETER ROSE PAYS TRIBUTE TO SUPERMAN. BUT MORE WELL-WISHERS HAVE COME FOR APPROPRIATE...

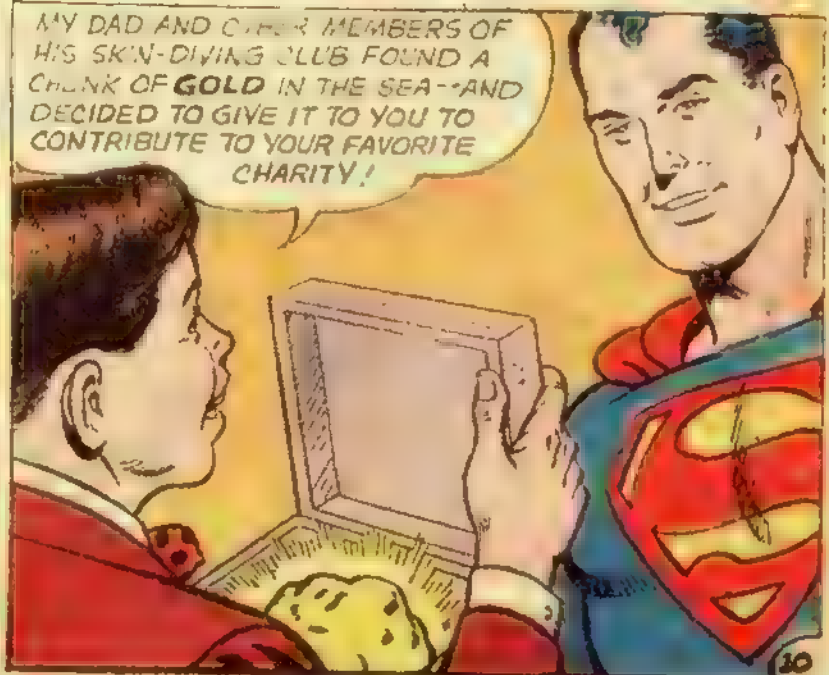
JIMMY OLSEN: YUP--AND A FEW ARE SOME MEMBERS OF THE JIMMY OLSEN FAN CLUB! ONE OF THEM HAS A GIFT FOR YOU.

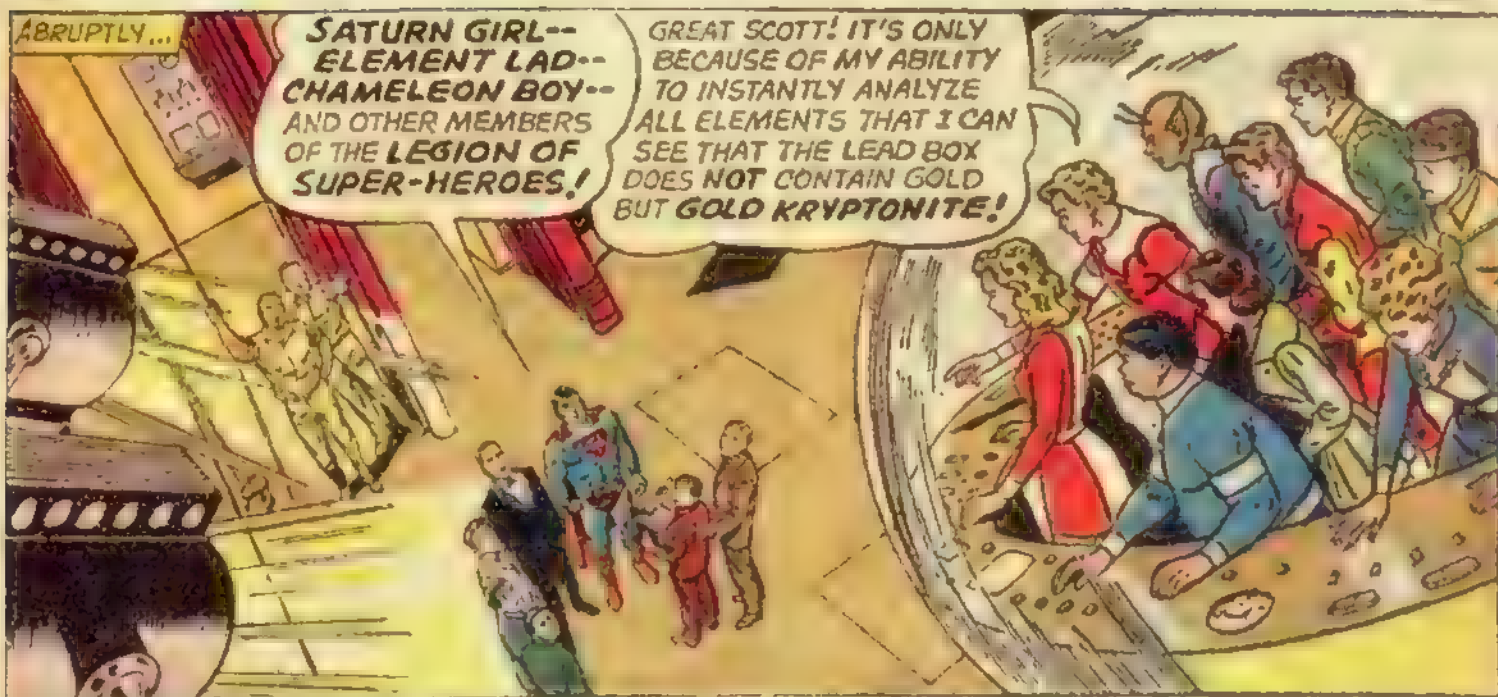


A LEAD BOX? YES--TO MAKE SURE YOUR X-RAY VISION COULDN'T SEE THE SURPRISE GIFT INSIDE THE BOX UNTIL THE PROPER MOMENT!



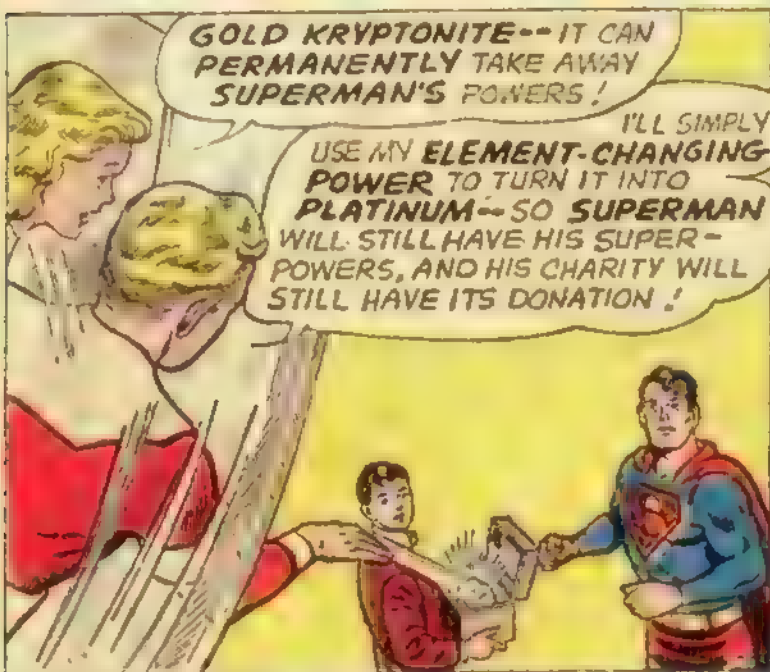
MY DAD AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS SKIN-DIVING CLUB FOUND A CHUNK OF GOLD IN THE SEA--AND DECIDED TO GIVE IT TO YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY!





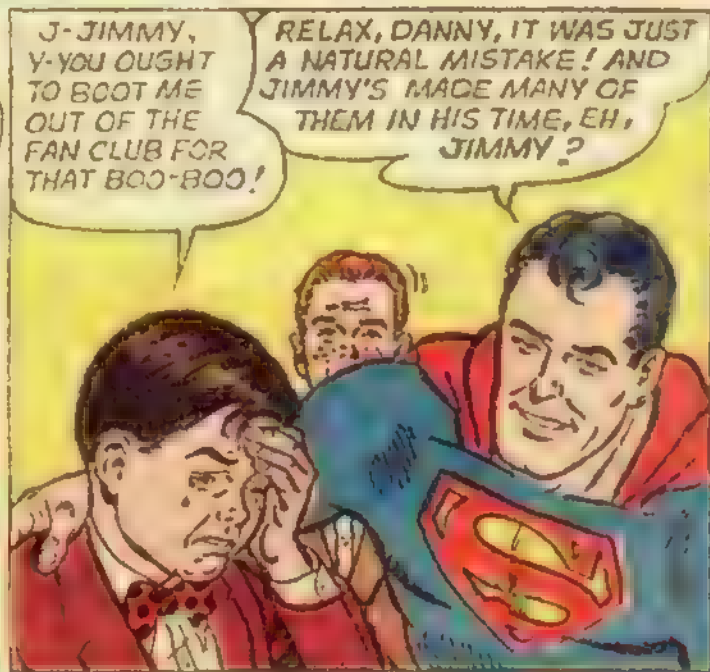
ABRUPTLY...
SATURN GIRL--
ELEMENT LAD--
CHAMELEON BOY--
AND OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES!

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S ONLY
BECAUSE OF MY ABILITY
TO INSTANTLY ANALYZE
ALL ELEMENTS THAT I CAN
SEE THAT THE LEAD BOX
DOES NOT CONTAIN GOLD
BUT **GOLD KRYPTONITE!**



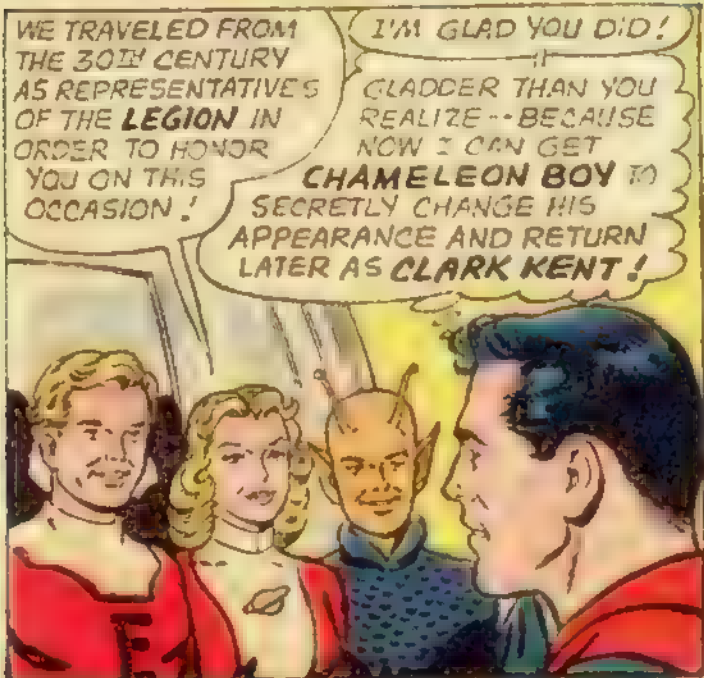
**GOLD KRYPTONITE-- IT CAN
PERMANENTLY TAKE AWAY
SUPERMAN'S POWERS!**

I'LL SIMPLY
USE MY **ELEMENT-CHANGING-
POWER** TO TURN IT INTO
PLATINUM-- SO SUPERMAN
WILL STILL HAVE HIS SUPER-
POWERS, AND HIS CHARITY WILL
STILL HAVE ITS DONATION!



J-JIMMY,
Y-YOU OUGHT
TO BOOT ME
OUT OF THE
FAN CLUB FOR
THAT BOO-BOO!

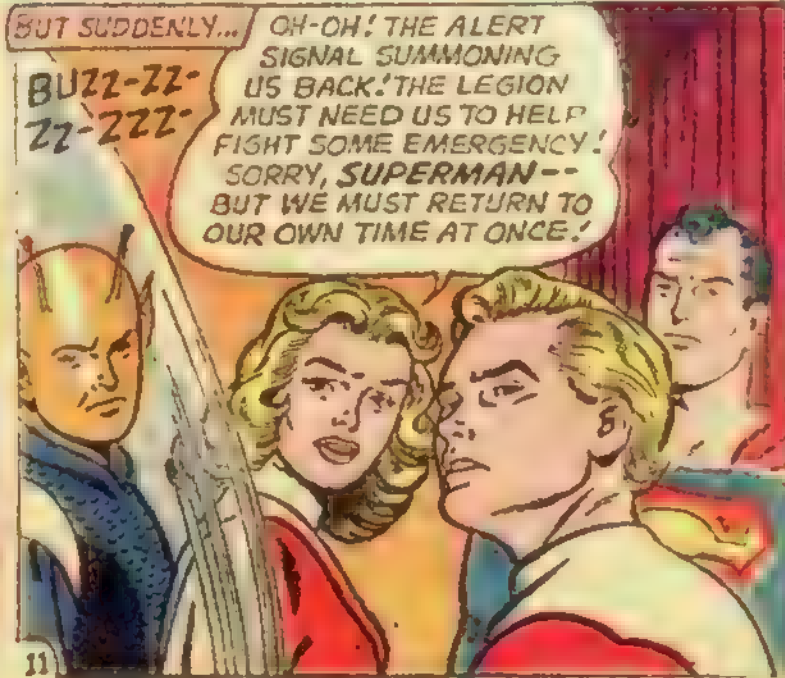
RELAX, DANNY, IT WAS JUST
A NATURAL MISTAKE! AND
JIMMY'S MADE MANY OF
THEM IN HIS TIME, EH,
JIMMY?



WE TRAVELED FROM
THE 30TH CENTURY
AS REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE **LEGION** IN
ORDER TO HONOR
YOU ON THIS
OCCASION!

I'M GLAD YOU DID!

GLADDER THAN YOU
REALIZE -- BECAUSE
NOW I CAN GET
CHAMELEON BOY TO
SECRETLY CHANGE HIS
APPEARANCE AND RETURN
LATER AS **CLARK KENT!**

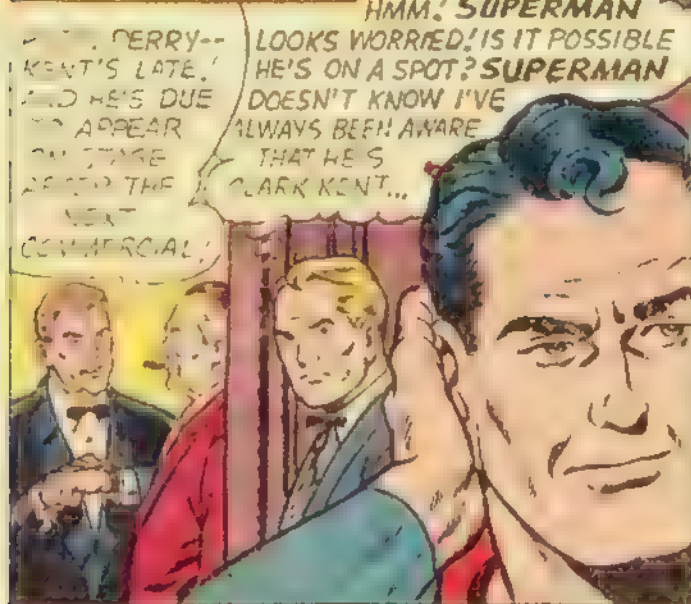


BUT SUDDENLY...
**BUZZ-ZZ-
ZZ-ZZZ-**

OH-OH! THE ALERT
SIGNAL SUMMONING
US BACK! THE LEGION
MUST NEED US TO HELP
FIGHT SOME EMERGENCY!
SORRY, **SUPERMAN--**
BUT WE MUST RETURN TO
OUR OWN TIME AT ONCE!

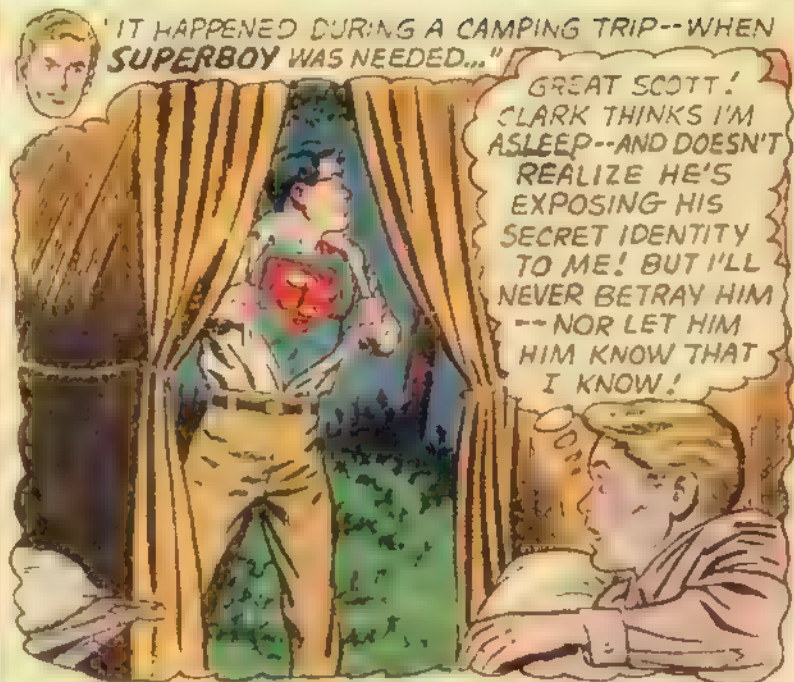


AS THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** LEAVES, PETE ROSS OVERHEARS...



"GERRY-- KENT'S LATE, AND HE'S DUE TO APPEAR ON STAGE AFTER THE NEXT COMMERCIAL."

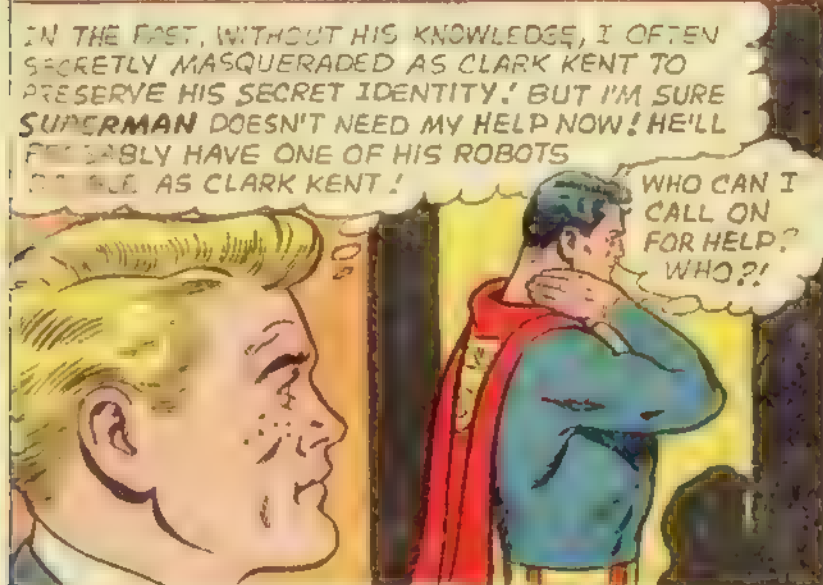
HMM! **SUPERMAN** LOOKS WORRIED! IS IT POSSIBLE HE'S ON A SPOT? **SUPERMAN** DOESN'T KNOW I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AWARE THAT HE'S **CLARK KENT**...



"IT HAPPENED DURING A CAMPING TRIP--WHEN **SUPERBOY** WAS NEEDED..."

GREAT SCOTT! **CLARK** THINKS I'M ASLEEP--AND DOESN'T REALIZE HE'S EXPOSING HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO ME! BUT I'LL NEVER BETRAY HIM--NOR LET HIM KNOW THAT I KNOW!

YES, IRONICALLY, THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO CAN HELP **SUPERMAN**-- BUT **SUPERMAN** DOES NOT KNOW IT!



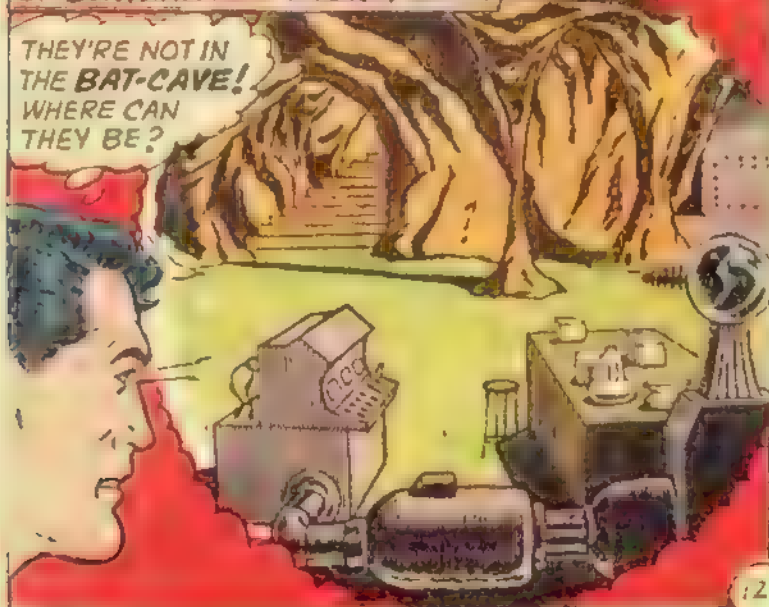
IN THE PAST, WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE, I OFTEN SECRETLY MASQUERADED AS **CLARK KENT** TO PRESERVE HIS SECRET IDENTITY! BUT I'M SURE **SUPERMAN** DOESN'T NEED MY HELP NOW! HE'LL PROBABLY HAVE ONE OF HIS ROBOTS DO AS **CLARK KENT**!

WHO CAN I CALL ON FOR HELP? WHO?!



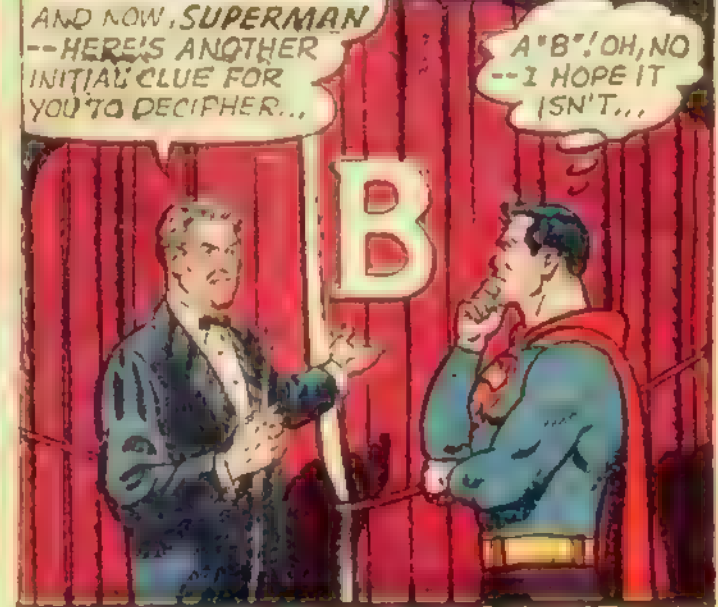
AH! I HAVE IT! **BATMAN**! HE'S DOUBLED FOR ME BEFORE! I'LL SUMMON HIM VIA SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM!

SUPER-VISION PROBES THE SUBTERRANEAN SANCTUM OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, BUT...



THEY'RE NOT IN THE **BAT-CAVE**! WHERE CAN THEY BE?

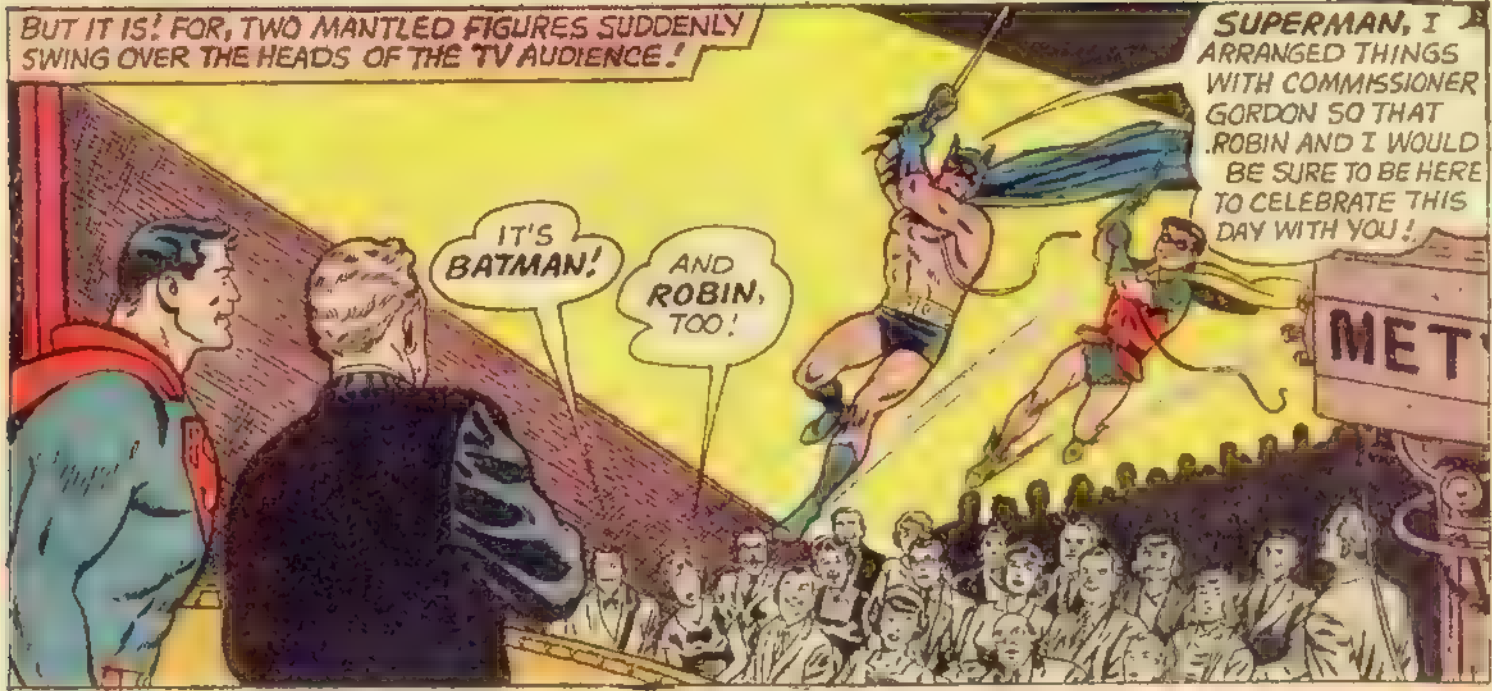
THEN, AS THE PROGRAM CONTINUES...



AND NOW, **SUPERMAN**--HERE'S ANOTHER INITIAL CLUE FOR YOU TO DECIPHER...

A "B"! OH, NO--I HOPE IT ISN'T...

BUT IT IS! FOR, TWO MANTLED FIGURES SUDDENLY SWING OVER THE HEADS OF THE TV AUDIENCE!



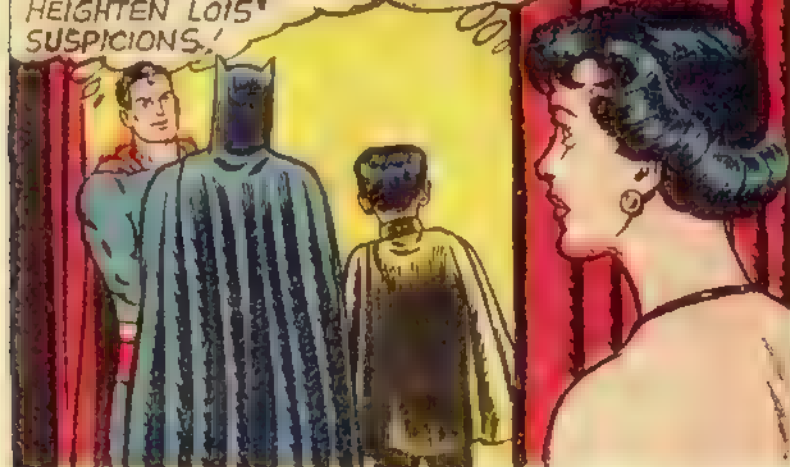
SUPERMAN, I ARRANGED THINGS WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON SO THAT ROBIN AND I WOULD BE SURE TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY WITH YOU!

IT'S BATMAN!

AND ROBIN, TOO!

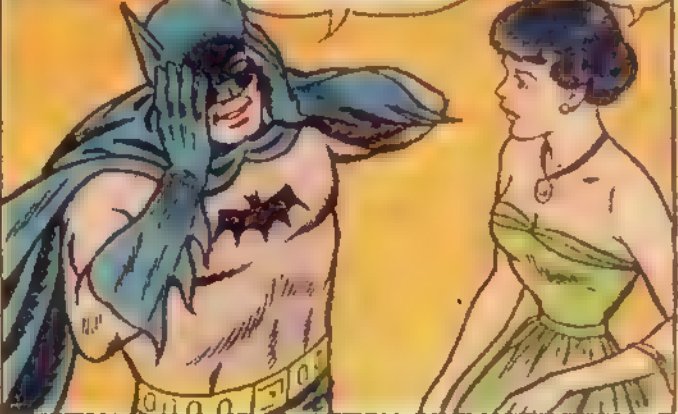
NOW THAT BATMAN IS HERE, I CAN'T POSSIBLY ASK HIM TO LEAVE THE STUDIO AND RETURN AS CLARK KENT! THAT WOULD ONLY HEIGHTEN LOIS' SUSPICIONS!

HMM! SUPERMAN LOOKS REAL WORRIED! I WONDER IF HE'LL SECRETLY ASK BATMAN TO DISGUISE HIMSELF AS CLARK KENT LATER?



LATER, DURING THE COMMERCIAL, AS BATMAN WANDERS IN THE WINGS, HE SPEAKS STARTLING WORDS...

LOIS, YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO LEARN SUPERMAN'S IDENTITY-- AND MINE, TOO-- SO, I'M GOING TO SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY ABOUT ME-- AND UNMASK!



THE DARK COWL IS WHIPPED AWAY, TO REVEAL...



EEK! YOU'RE A BIZARRO!

HA! HA! IT'S JUST MAKE-UP LOIS! I WANTED TO TEASE YOU A BIT BY SHOWING YOU WHAT A BIZARRO-BATMAN WOULD LOOK LIKE! HA! HA!

WELL--ALL THAT HEAVY MAKE-UP WOULD TAKE AN HOUR TO REMOVE! BATMAN COULD NEVER DOUBLE FOR CLARK KENT IN TIME NOW!





BUT SUDDENLY
H. EVERYBODY.
I HOPE I'M NOT
TOO LATE.

CLARK!

I'M POINTING THE
DETECTOR AT CLARK--
BUT NOTHING HAPPENS!
--I NOT A ROBOT!

AND I CAN STILL SEE
SUPERMAN ON STAGE!
LO S, THIS MEANS OUR
THEORY ABOUT **SUPERMAN**
IS **WRONG!**

READER, IF **SUPERMAN** HASN'T USED A ROBOT, AND GOTTEN
BATMAN OR **PETE ROSS** TO SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM, JUST HOW
IS IT POSSIBLE FOR **CLARK KENT** TO APPEAR?

LATER, AS THE SHOW COMES TO ITS CLOSE...

MY FRIENDS--I'M SO
TOUCHED BY THIS HONOR--
ALL I CAN SAY IS--
THANK YOU!

AFTER THE SHOW ENDS, TWO FOLLOWS MEET
SECRETLY...

WELL, **SUPERMAN**-- I
DON'T NEED THE MAKEUP AND GLASSES ANY
LONGER! DID I MAKE A GOOD **CLARK**
KENT?

YOU WERE
PERFECT,
MR. PRESIDENT!

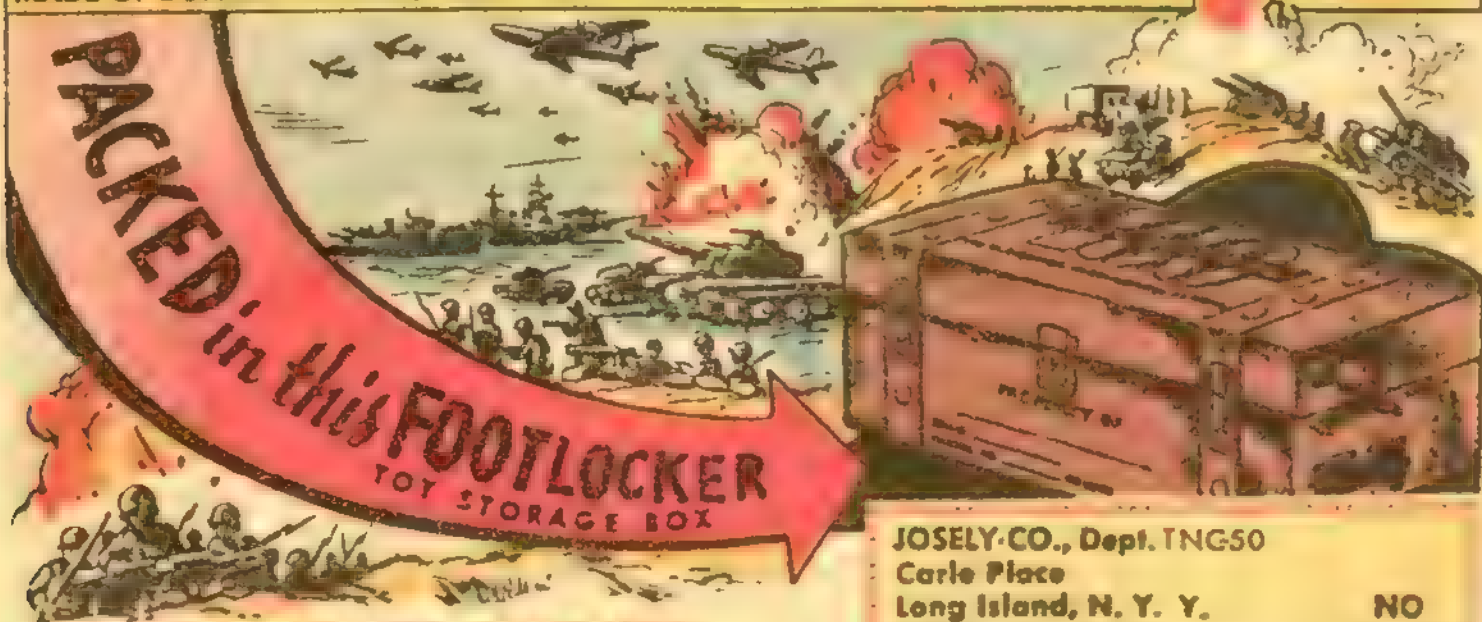
SUPERMAN, I TOLD YOU TO
CALL ON ME IF EVER YOU
NEEDED HELP--AND I'M GLAD
YOU DID! AND I'LL GUARD
YOUR SECRET IDENTITY AS I
GUARD THE SECRETS OF OUR
NATION!

I REALIZE THAT, SIR! I KNEW I WASN'T
RISKING MY SECRET IDENTITY WITH YOU!
AFTER ALL, IF I CAN'T TRUST THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
WHO CAN I TRUST?

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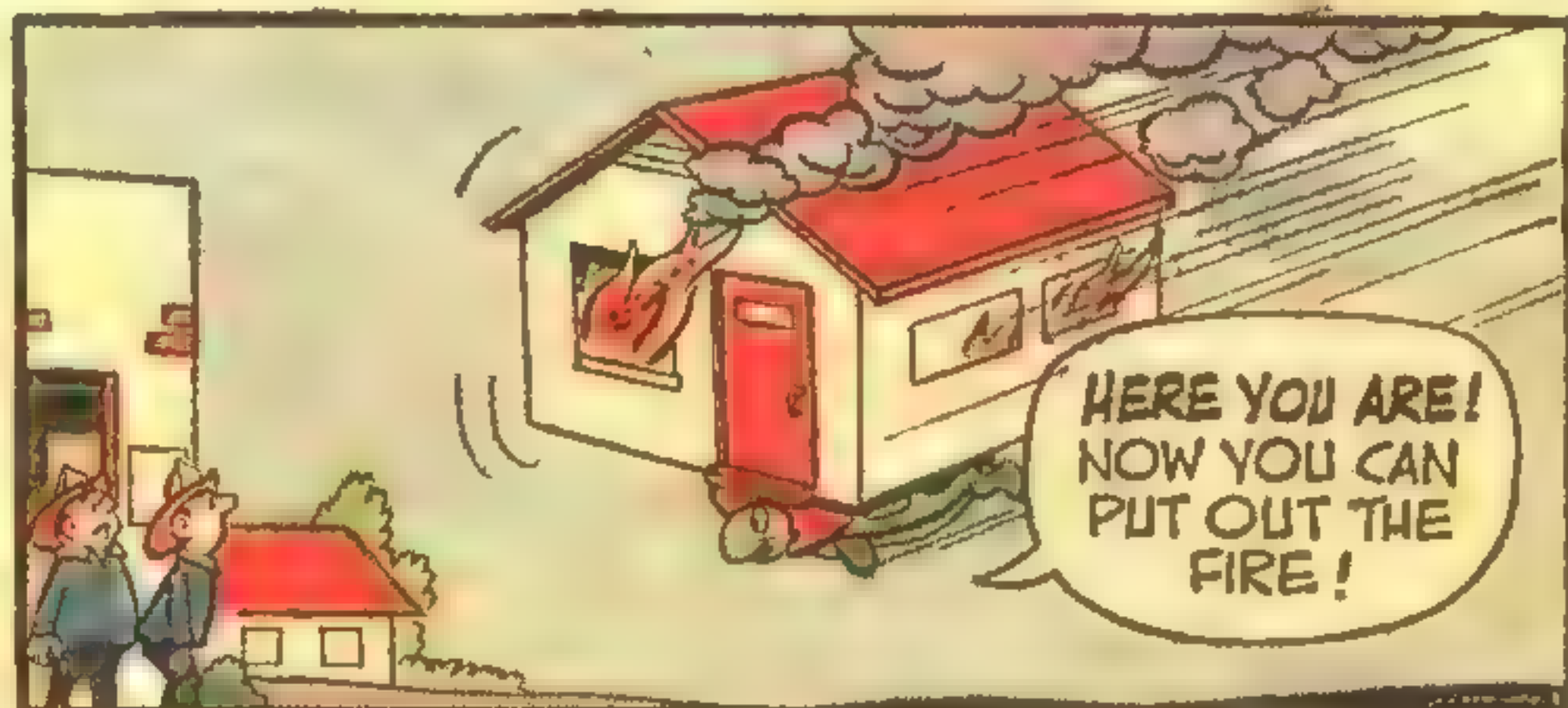
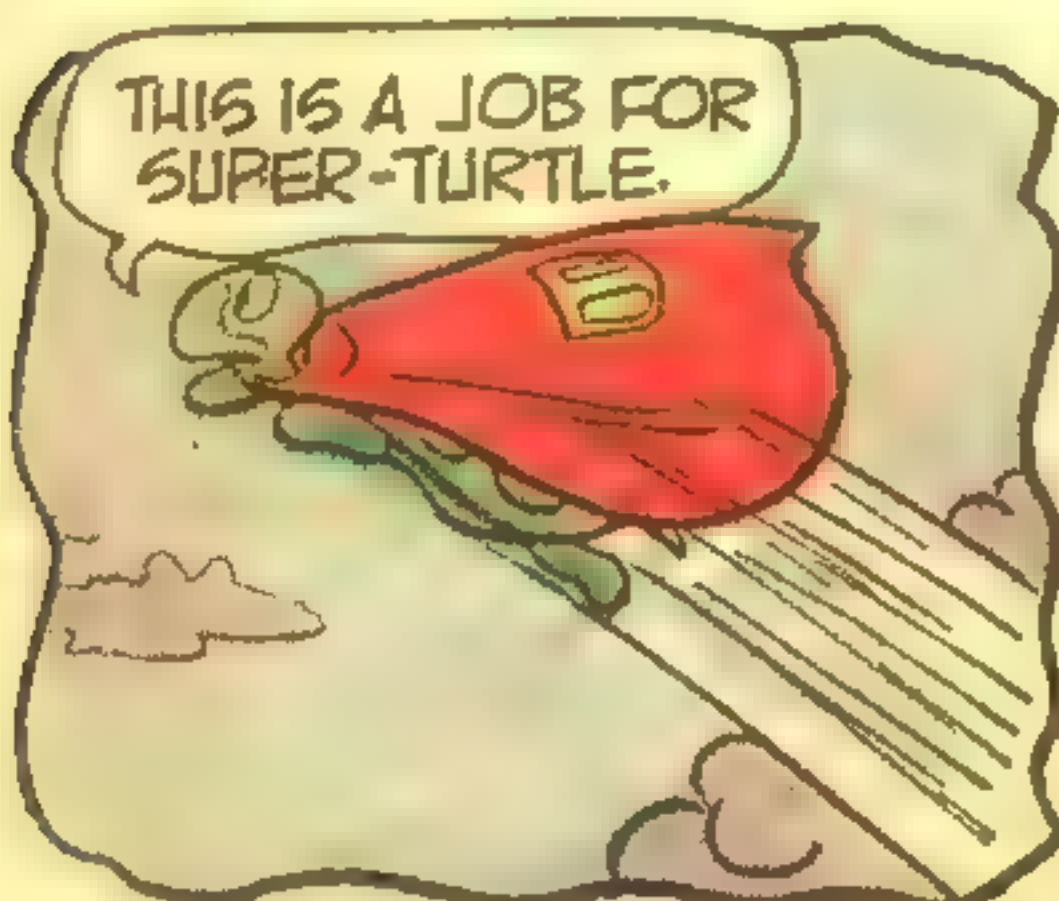
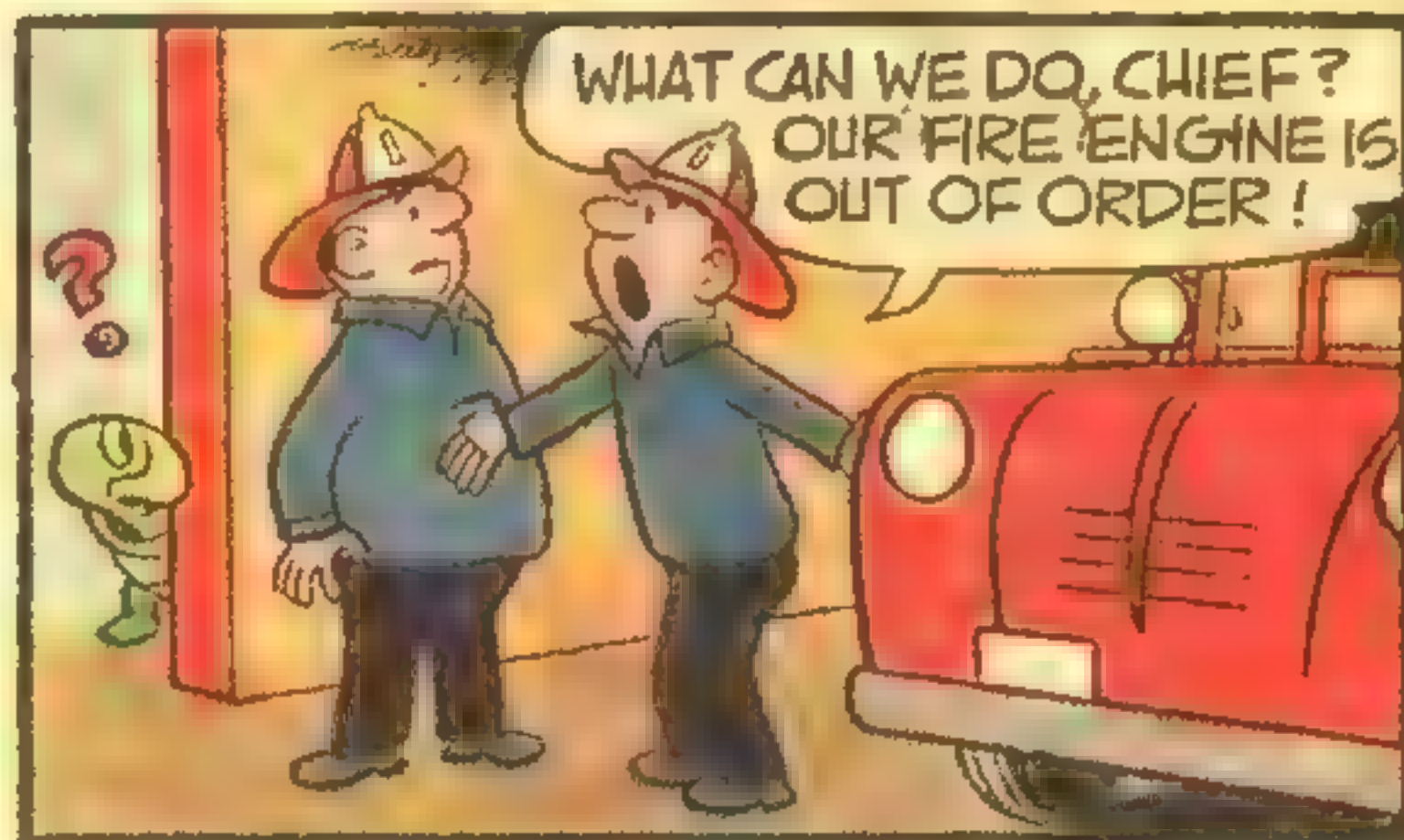
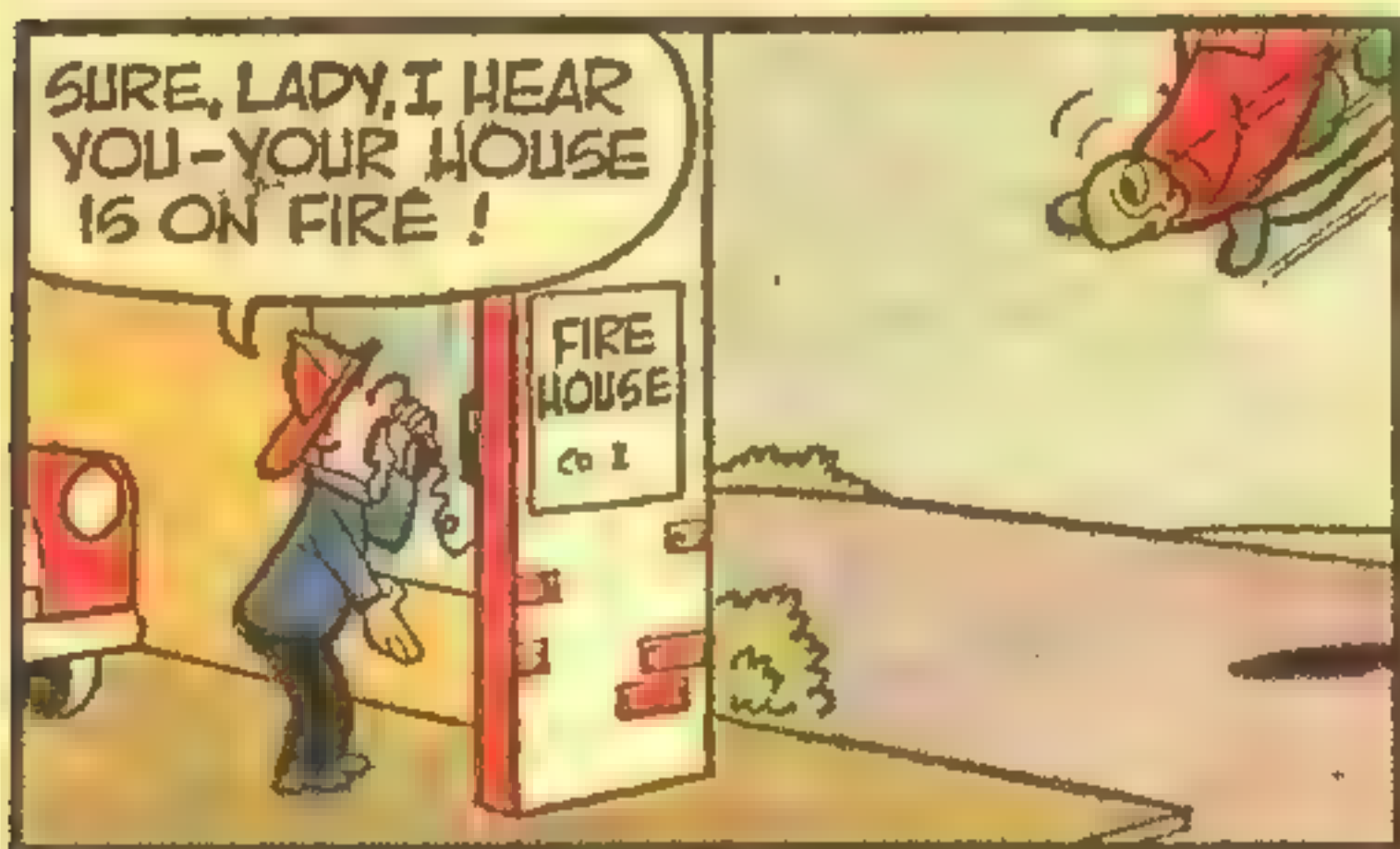
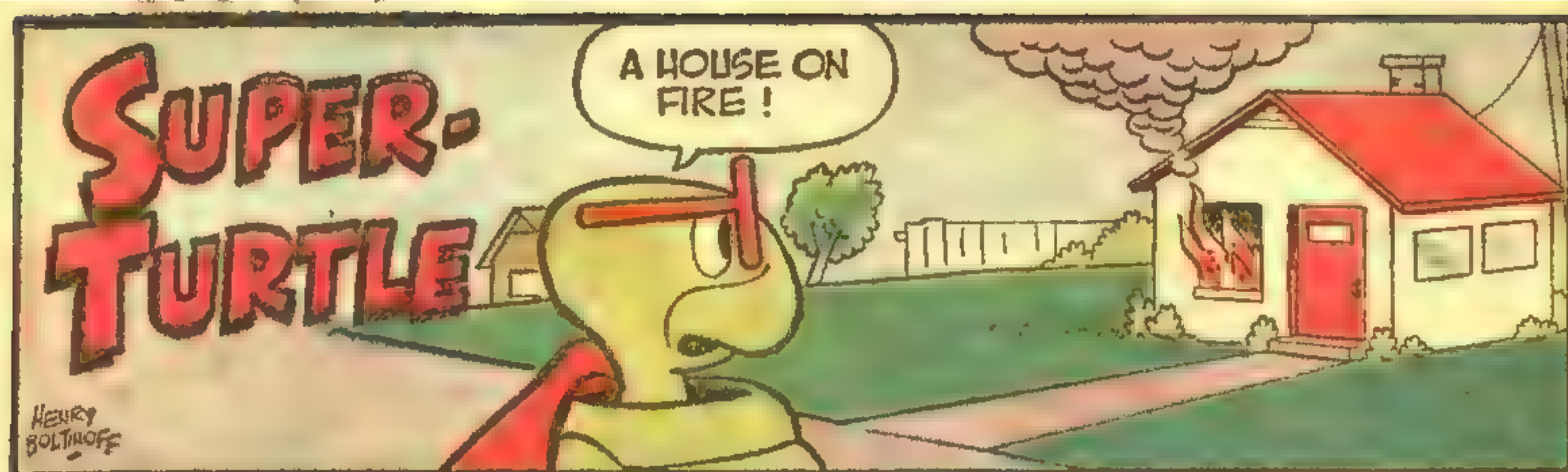
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Dear Editor: Recently I saw a rerun of a Superman TV show and in this particular episode it stated that Perry White, before becoming editor of the Daily Planet, was mayor of Metropolis! If this is true, could you give us a story concerning the exploits of our Perry White when he was Metropolis' mayor? Maybe you could have Superboy visit Metropolis during Perry's term and inadvertently aid him in some way. —Edward Simpson III, Rochester, N. Y. (Great idea, and we'll pass it along to our staff. Incidentally, did you know that Mr. Mxyzptlk was also once elected mayor of Metropolis? We'll rerun the story of how the zany imp held that office in a future Giant Annual.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Five letters of the alphabet can describe the latest issue of ACTION COMICS: G-R-E-A-T! The story, "The Great Superman Impersonation", was terrific and the artwork was superb. The Supergirl story in the same issue, involving the entire "Superman family", was even better. The plot certainly had me guessing. Only one thing bothers me. In the coming attractions you announced that this story wasn't a "Dream, Imaginary Story, Magic Spell, Red Kryptonite Illusion, or a Hoax. But in the end we found out it WAS a Hoax!" Error or not? —Michael E. Colby, Hewlett Bay Park, Long Island, N. Y.

(You're right. Webster defines "hoax" as: "A deception for mockery or mischief." Please forgive us for our deception; we guess our enthusiasm for this story ran away with us.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You and your memory! The October issue of ACTION was good, but in it you stated that the Crime Syndicate had a standing offer of \$1,000,000 for the capture of Superman. However, going through my files, I noticed that in the April issue of your companion magazine, Superman, the offer was \$2,000,000. What happened to the extra million dollars? —Clayton Hardiman, Grand Rapids, Mich.

(The crook in charge of the Syndicate's treasury absconded with the extra million when he found out that capturing the Man of Steel was no easy job.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: For years many readers have criticized you for giving Lois Lane the juicy roles in all Superman stories, in preference to Lana Lang. May I point out to these critics that Lana often gets star parts? The most recent example was the story, "The Interplanetary Olympics," in which she shared an exciting adventure with the Man of Steel. This should certainly prove you play no favorites. —Cyril Bryant, Atlantic City, N. J.

(Right you are! We are always happy to elevate

Lana Lang to leading lady status whenever possible. And by the time this issue appears on the stands readers will have noted that Lana was the only female in the recent story, "Superman Meets the Goliath-Hercules."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: It is a known fact that there are many villains in the Phantom Zone. But one thing puzzles me: when Superman wants to free one certain criminal from the Phantom Zone how can he be sure that only the one he wants to release will emerge? How can he prevent one of the other culprits from slipping out? —Andrew Tolkoﬀ, Bronx, N. Y.

(How Superman can control the emergence of a specific criminal from the Phantom Zone is too complex to describe in this brief space. However, the actual mechanics involved—and they are extremely interesting—will be fully detailed in the next issue, in a story which features the most amazing form of Kryptonite ever presented. It's "Jewel Kryptonite", derived from the Jewel Mountains of Krypton!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I hope you won't mind this reference to a story published some time ago. In "The Day Super-Horse Went Wild", you show Comet (Super-Horse) thinking: "Halley was the astronomer who discovered that this comet orbits past the Earth every 75 years and will next appear in 1985." This is wrong, because Halley's Comet returns every 76.03 years, and is due back in 1986.—Chas. Prudence, Cleveland, O. (We bow to your arithmetical accuracy.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: We hate Superman. He is the most atrocious man we know. Why doesn't he get lost in outer space or expose himself to Gold Kryptonite? A crook hasn't got a decent chance to make an illegal living with him around. Down with Superman! If we ever see him, we'll kill him! —Signed: Lex Luthor & Brainiac, Lawrence, Mass.

(Don't you fellows know it's against the law to send threatening letters by mail? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've heard that a JIMMY OLSEN Giant Annual is in the works. If this is true, you guys deserve all the Oscars, Emmies and Pulitzer Prizes in the comics field! —Van Wyck Stassen, Oakland, Calif.

(What you heard is true. See forthcoming issues of JIMMY OLSEN for further details. But we're miffed . . . how come you don't put us down for a Nobel Prize, too?—Ed.)

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SUPERGIRL

RADIATION IS FLOODING THE CITY! WE'RE ALL DOOMED TO DIE, KARA! QUICKLY, INTO THIS ROCKET! WE'RE SENDING YOU TO JOIN YOUR COUSIN, KAL-EL, ON EARTH... WHERE HE HAS BECOME THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN!

SOB! MOTHER! FATHER! HOW CAN I DESERT YOU NOW? CHOKE! YOU CAN'T ASK ME TO DO THIS! I KNOW I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!

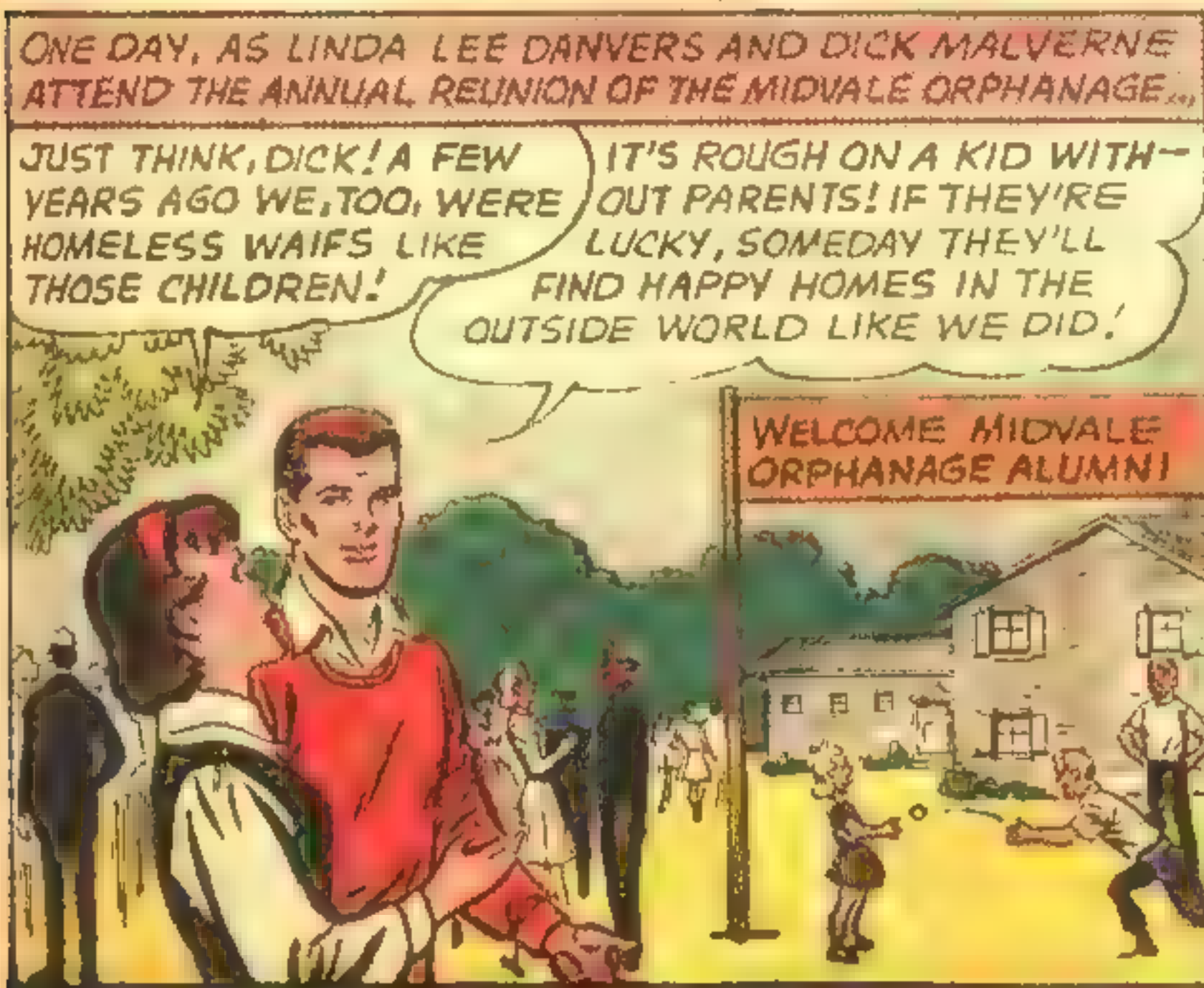
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The UNTOLD STORY of ARGO CITY!

ONE DAY, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS AND DICK MALVERNE ATTEND THE ANNUAL REUNION OF THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...

JUST THINK, DICK! A FEW YEARS AGO WE, TOO, WERE HOMELESS WAIFS LIKE THOSE CHILDREN!

IT'S ROUGH ON A KID WITH-OUT PARENTS! IF THEY'RE LUCKY, SOMEDAY THEY'LL FIND HAPPY HOMES IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD LIKE WE DID!



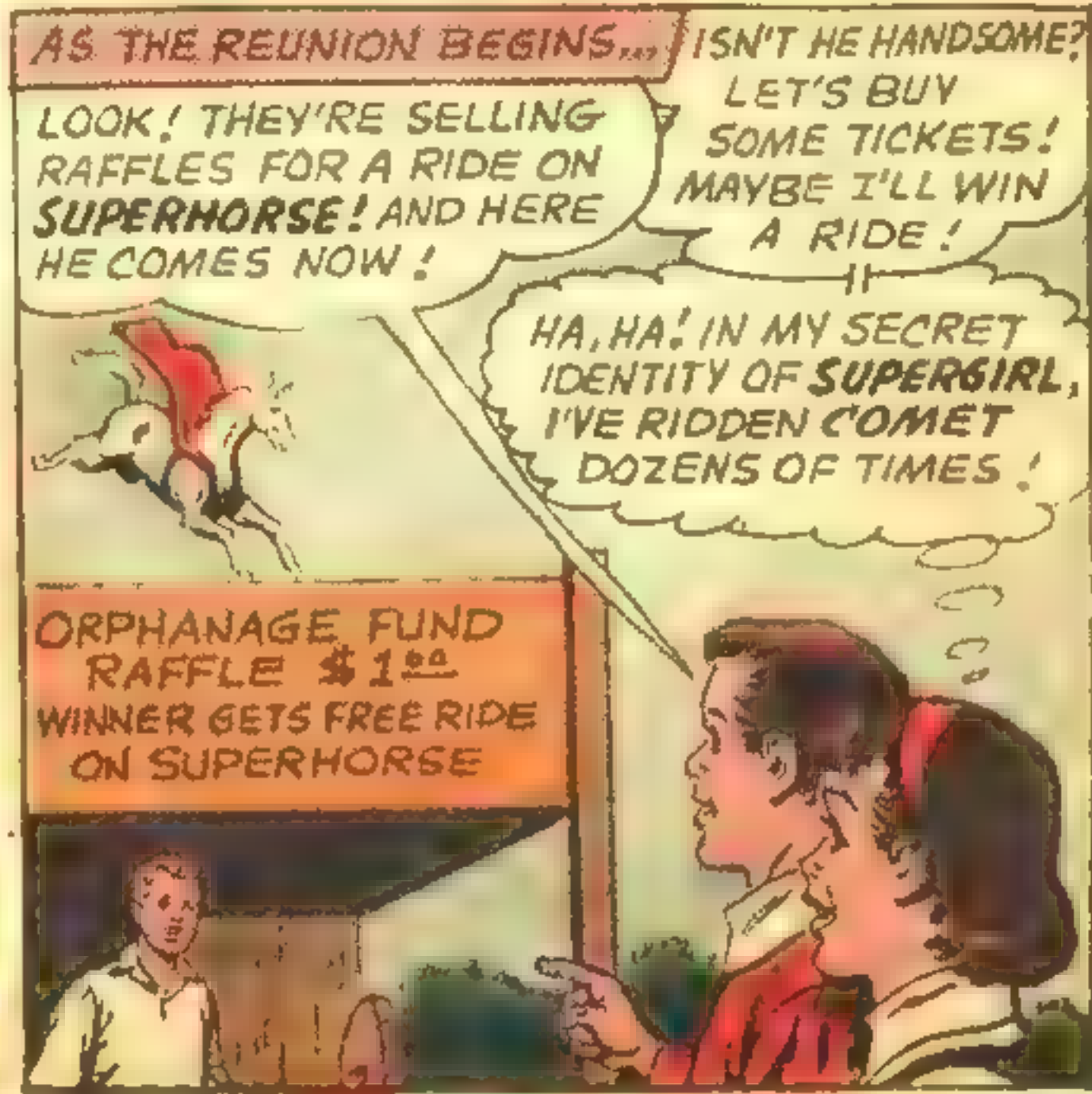
WELCOME MIDVALE ORPHANAGE ALUMNI

AS THE REUNION BEGINS... ISN'T HE HANDSOME? LET'S BUY SOME TICKETS! MAYBE I'LL WIN A RIDE!

LOOK! THEY'RE SELLING RAFFLES FOR A RIDE ON **SUPERHORSE**! AND HERE HE COMES NOW!

HA, HA! IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF **SUPERGIRL**, I'VE RIDDEN COMET DOZENS OF TIMES!

ORPHANAGE FUND RAFFLE \$1.00 WINNER GETS FREE RIDE ON SUPERHORSE



BUT BY A FREAK OF LUCK, LINDA WINS THE FREE RIDE... I'D BETTER MAKE THIS LOOK GOOD! I'LL ACT EXCITED AS IF FLYING IS A NEW EXPERIENCE TO ME!

LOOK AT LINDA RIDE! SHE ISN'T SCARED IN THE LEAST! NOT EVEN **SUPERGIRL** WOULD BE MORE FEARLESS! HMM! SPEAKING OF **SUPERGIRL**, I WONDER!

UP AND AWAY, **SUPERHORSE!**

AN INSTANT LATER, COMET SPEAKS TELEPATHICALLY TO HIS RIDER... LINDA, I JUST INTERCEPTED A STRAY MENTAL IMPRESSION FROM DICK MALVERNE. FROM YOUR FEARLESS RIDING, HE SUSPECTS YOU'RE **SUPERGIRL**!

THANKS FOR THE WARNING, **COMET**! I'LL ERASE THE SUSPICION WHEN I'LL ALIGHT!

AS SUPERHORSE DESCENDS, LINDA PRETENDS TO FALL AWKWARDLY...

OHH! I SLIPPED!

HA! FROM THE LOOK ON DICK'S FACE HE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT HIS SUSPICIONS!

BROTHER! HOW CLUMSY CAN YOU GET! ANYONE WHO FLOPS OFF A HORSE'S BACK LIKE THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE **SUPERGIRL**!

LATER, SPEAKING FOR THE ALUMNI, LINDA ADDRESSES THE ASSEMBLED ORPHANS...

SO KEEP YOUR SPIRITS HIGH, CHILDREN! SOME DAY ALL OF YOU WILL FIND A LIFE OF HAPPINESS WITH FOSTER PARENTS WHO WILL LOVE YOU AS IF YOU WERE THEIR OWN!

AS THE REUNION ENDS...

I'VE GOT SOMETHING MUCH BETTER THAN A FOSTER HOME, LINDA! LOOK! MY **REAL PARENTS**! THEY LOST ME IN A DISASTROUS FLOOD YEARS AGO! NOW THEY'VE FOUND ME AT LAST!

RANDY! CHOKES! I'M SO GLAD FOR YOU!

THEN, A FLOOD OF HEARTBREAKING MEMORIES...

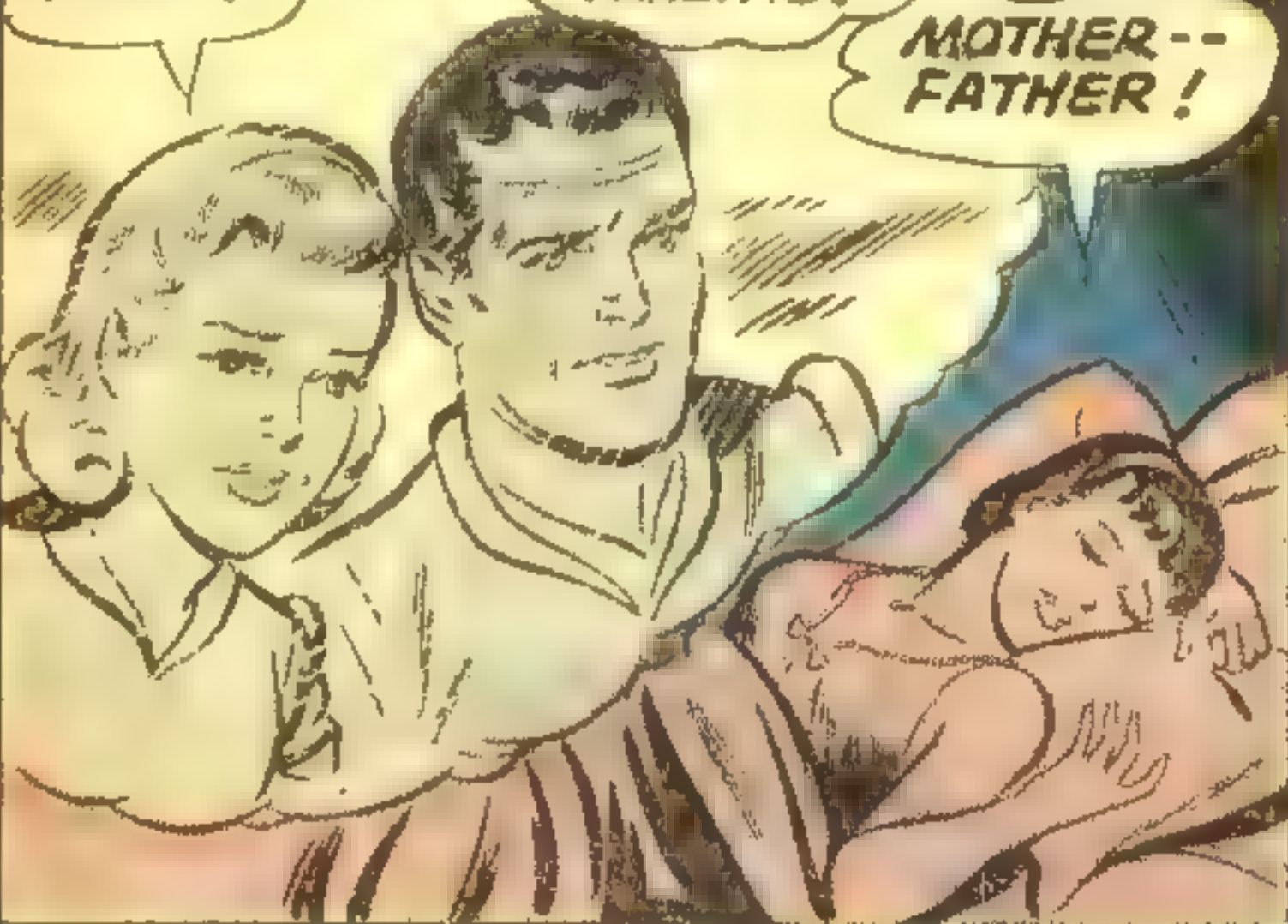
HE'S THE LUCKIEST KID IN THE WORLD! I CAN NEVER HOPE TO FIND MY **REAL PARENTS** AGAIN! THEY DIED LONG AGO WHEN A FLOOD OF **KRYPTONITE RADIATION** DESTROYED MY NATIVE **ARGO CITY**!

THAT NIGHT, LINDA'S SLEEP IS TROUBLED BY A WEIRD DREAM...

KARA! DAUGHTER WE'RE ALIVE!... ALIVE!

SOMEONE'S CALLING ME... BY MY KRYPTONIAN NAME! GULP! IT'S MY REAL PARENTS!

MOTHER-- FATHER!

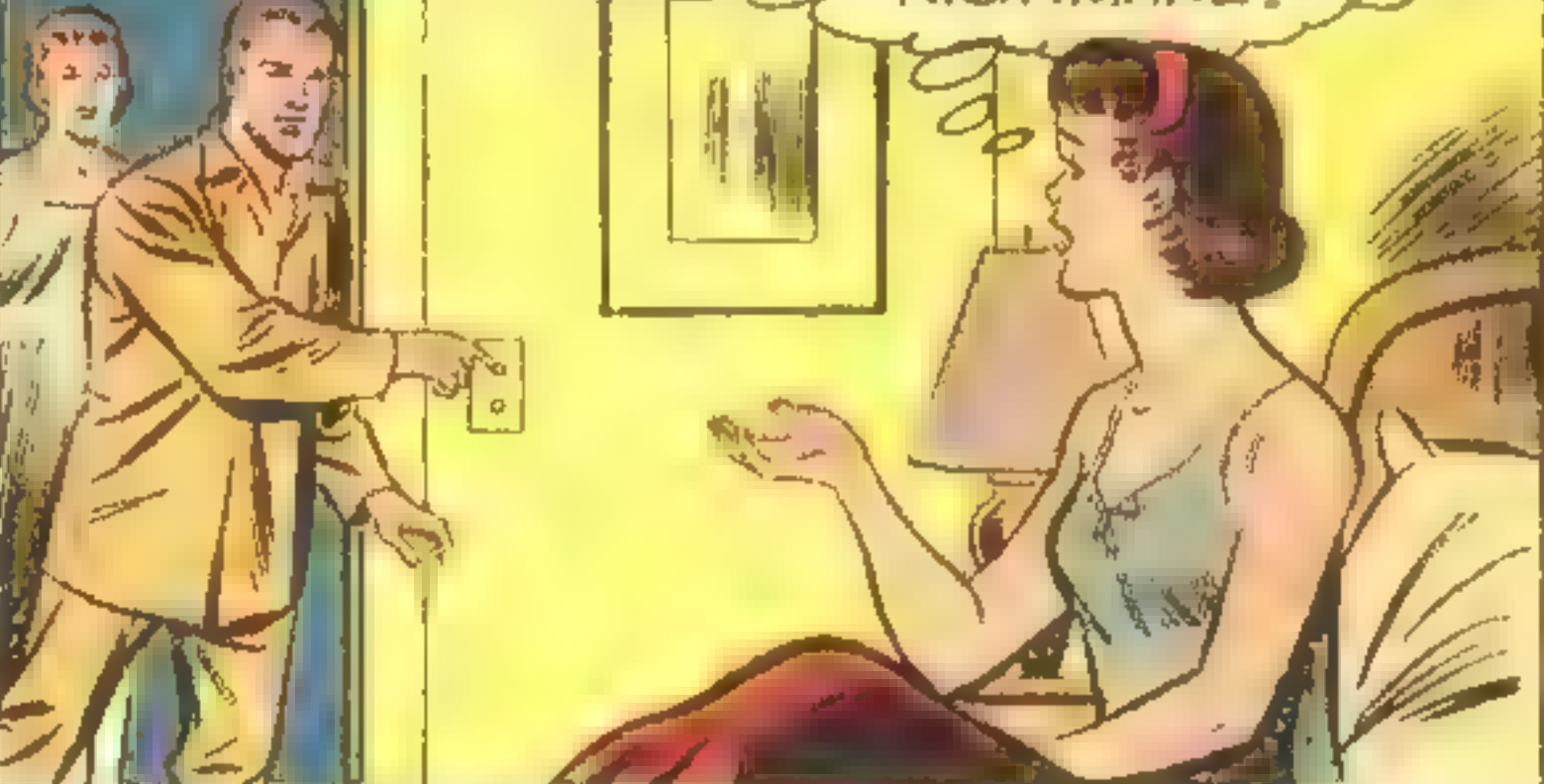


LINDA'S CRY AROUSES HER FOSTER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. DANVERS...

LINDA! WHAT'S WRONG? I HEARD YOU CALLING US!

ER... I WAS JUST DREAMING!

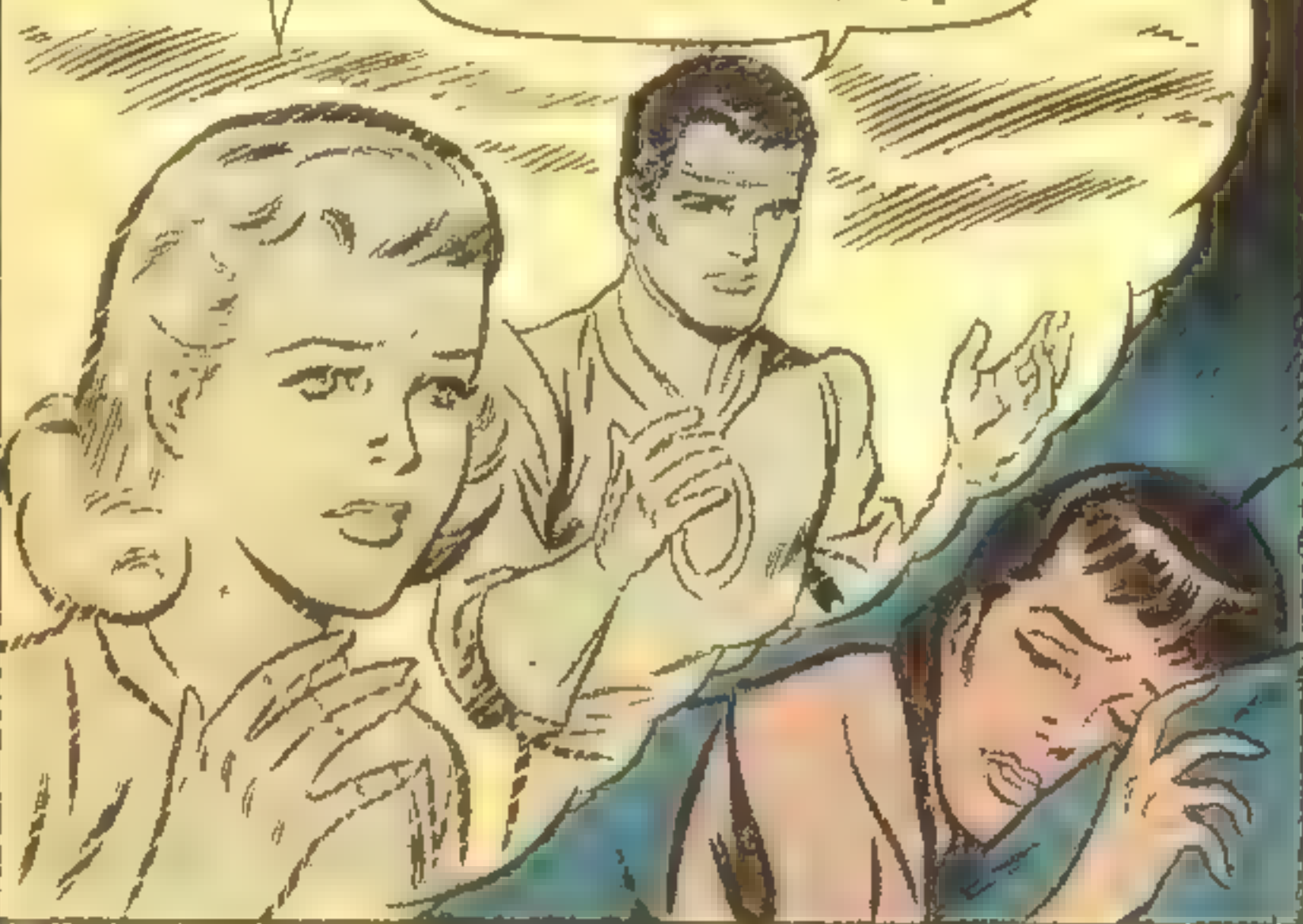
CHOKE!! HOW CAN I TELL THEM I WAS CALLING OUT FOR MY REAL FATHER AND MOTHER! THINKING ABOUT MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS MUST HAVE CAUSED MY NIGHTMARE!



BUT THE NEXT NIGHT, LINDA'S DREAM RETURNS...

KARA... WE'RE ALIVE... ALIVE!

HELP US! YOU MUST HELP US... WE'RE SO NEAR... SO NEAR!



THE EERIE VISION AWAKENS LINDA...

I SAW THEM AGAIN... ZOR-EL AND ALLURA, MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS! THEY WERE BEGGING FOR HELP... AS IF THEY WERE ALIVE IN SOME KIND OF PRISON!



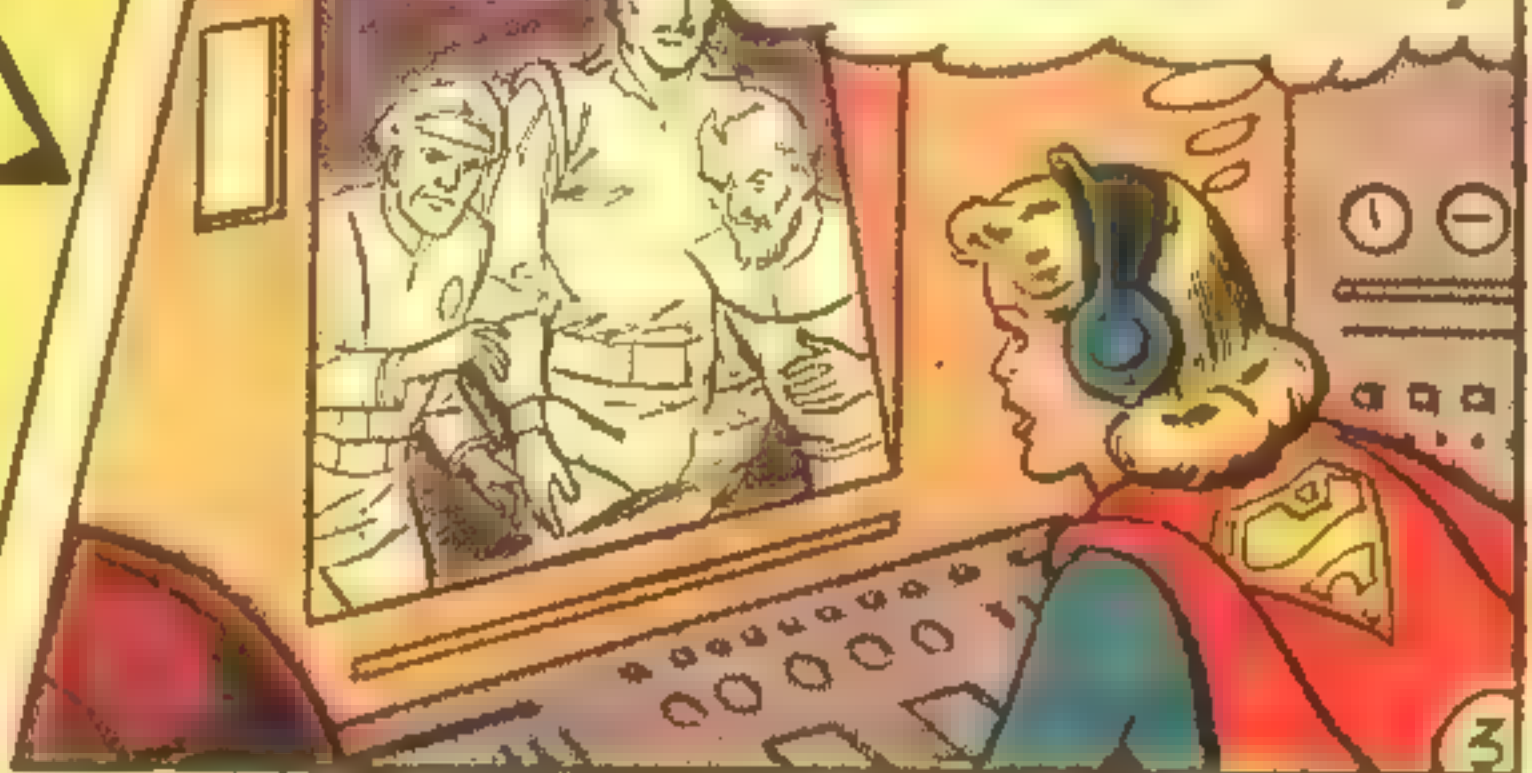
TORMENTED, LINDA SWITCHES TO SUPERGIRL, AND FLASHES TOWARD THE ARCTIC FORTRESS WHICH SHE SHARES WITH SUPERMAN...

I KEEP SEEING THEM AS GHOSTS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... BUT WHAT IF THEY WERE STILL ALIVE AND TRAPPED IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! WHAT IF THEY NEVER DIED? WHAT IF THEY WERE TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME TELEPATHICALLY FROM THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION? I MUST CHECK!



INSIDE SUPERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS, SUPERGIRL ACTIVATES A STRANGE DEVICE...

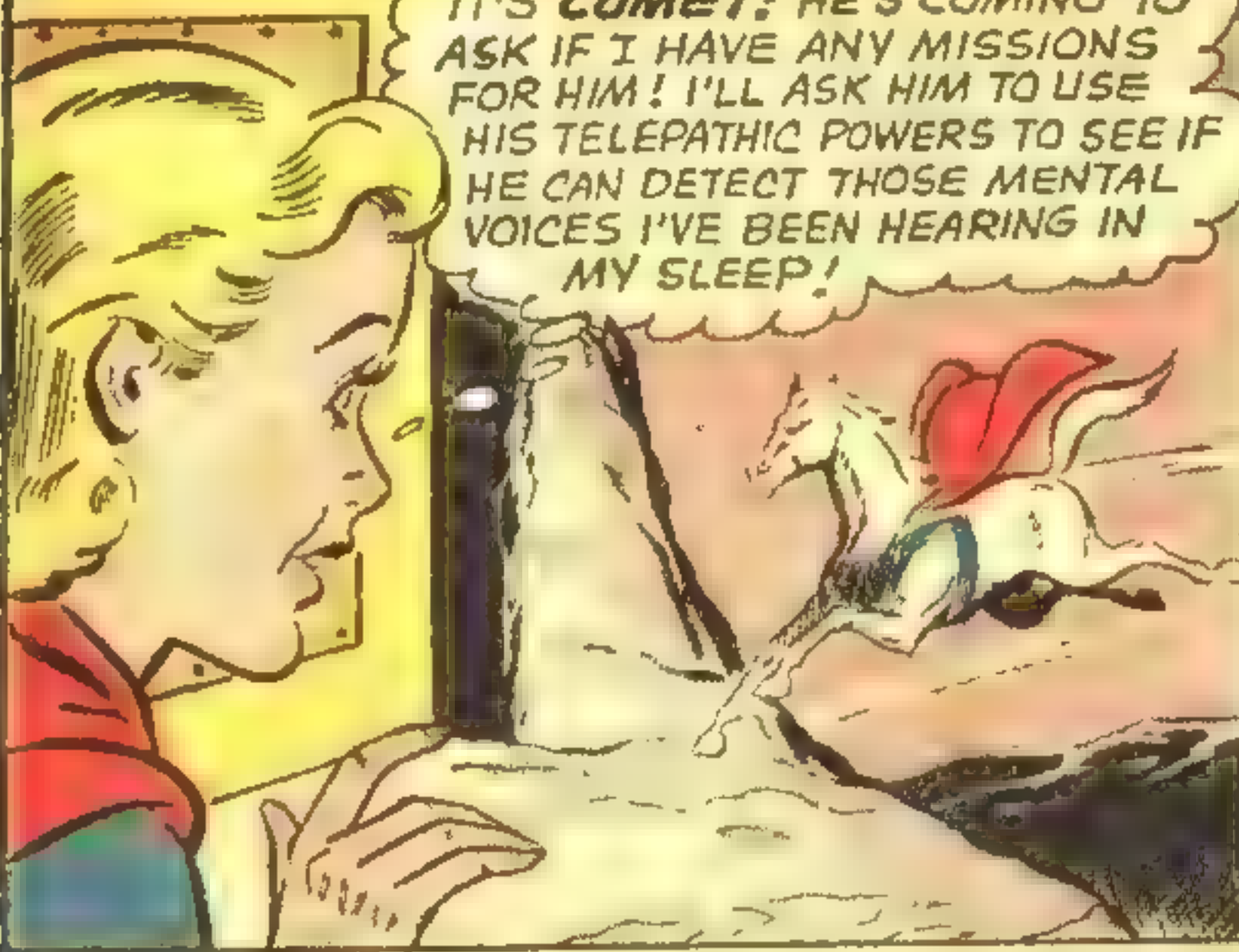
THIS ZONE-O-PHONE WAS INVENTED BY SUPERMAN TO HELP HIM MONITOR THE CRIMINALS EXILED IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!... I DON'T SEE MY PARENTS ANYWHERE IN THERE! I'M ACTING FOOLISHLY, I KNOW THEY'RE DEAD!





AS SUPERGIRL EMERGES FROM THE FORTRESS...

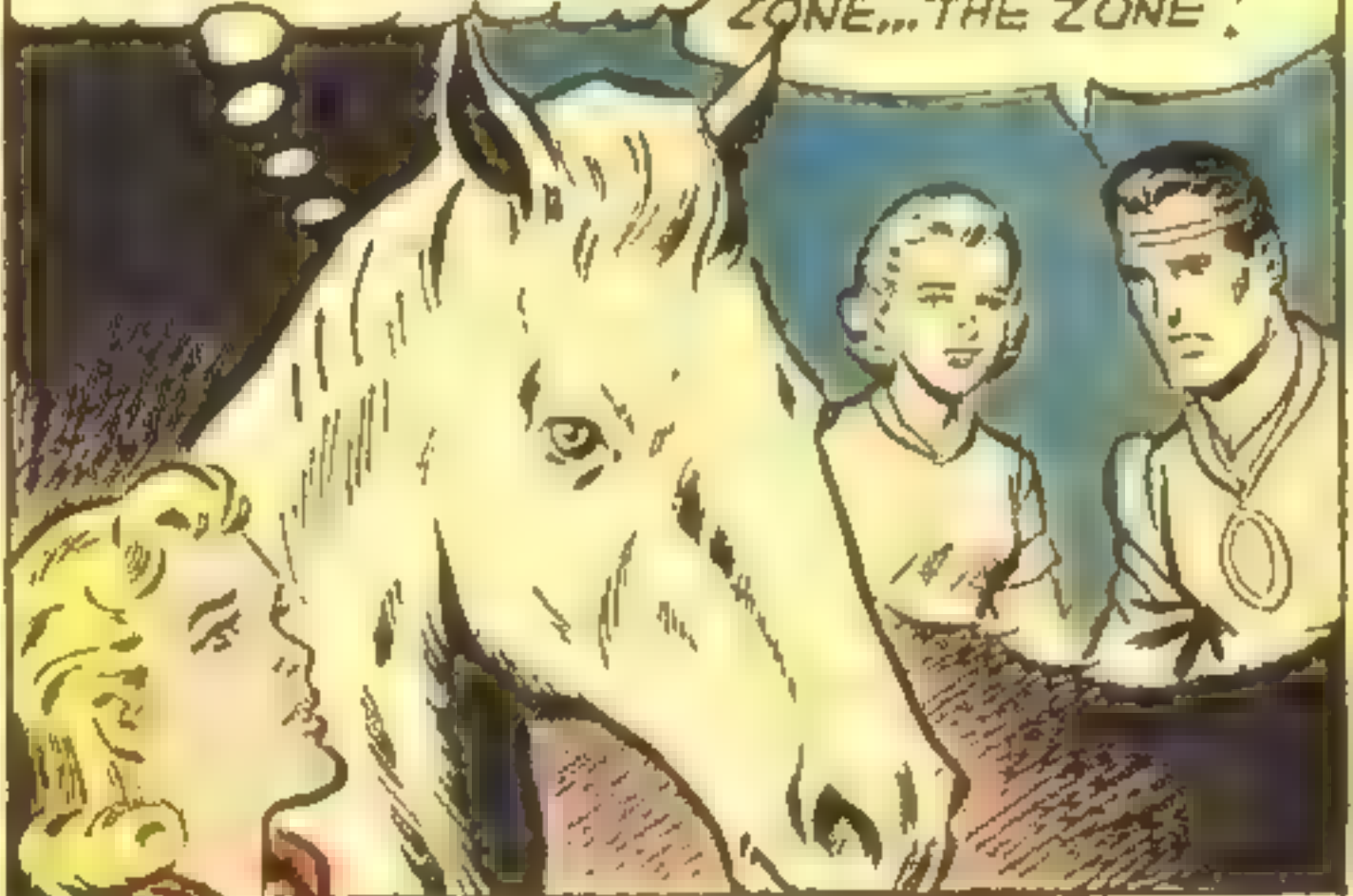
IT'S **COMET**! HE'S COMING TO ASK IF I HAVE ANY MISSIONS FOR HIM! I'LL ASK HIM TO USE HIS TELEPATHIC POWERS TO SEE IF HE CAN DETECT THOSE MENTAL VOICES I'VE BEEN HEARING IN MY SLEEP!



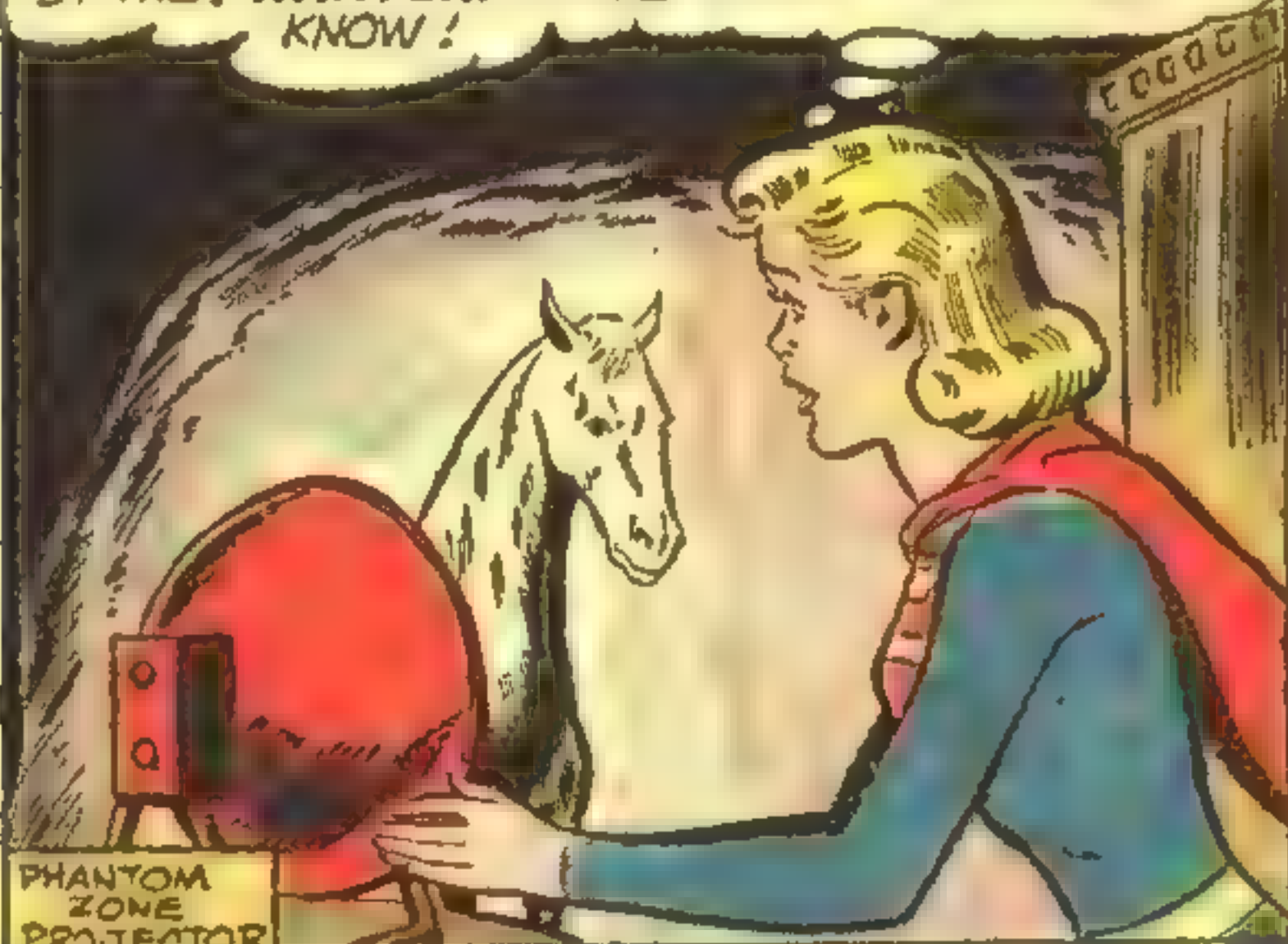
COMET'S AMAZING EXTRA-SENSORY POWER INTERCEPTS A WEIRD MESSAGE!

YES, **SUPERGIRL**, I HEAR A FAINT MENTAL VOICE! I'LL PROJECT IT TO YOU TELEPATHICALLY!

DAUGHTER! WE ESCAPED ALIVE... WE'RE IN THE... ZONE! IN THE ZONE... THE ZONE!



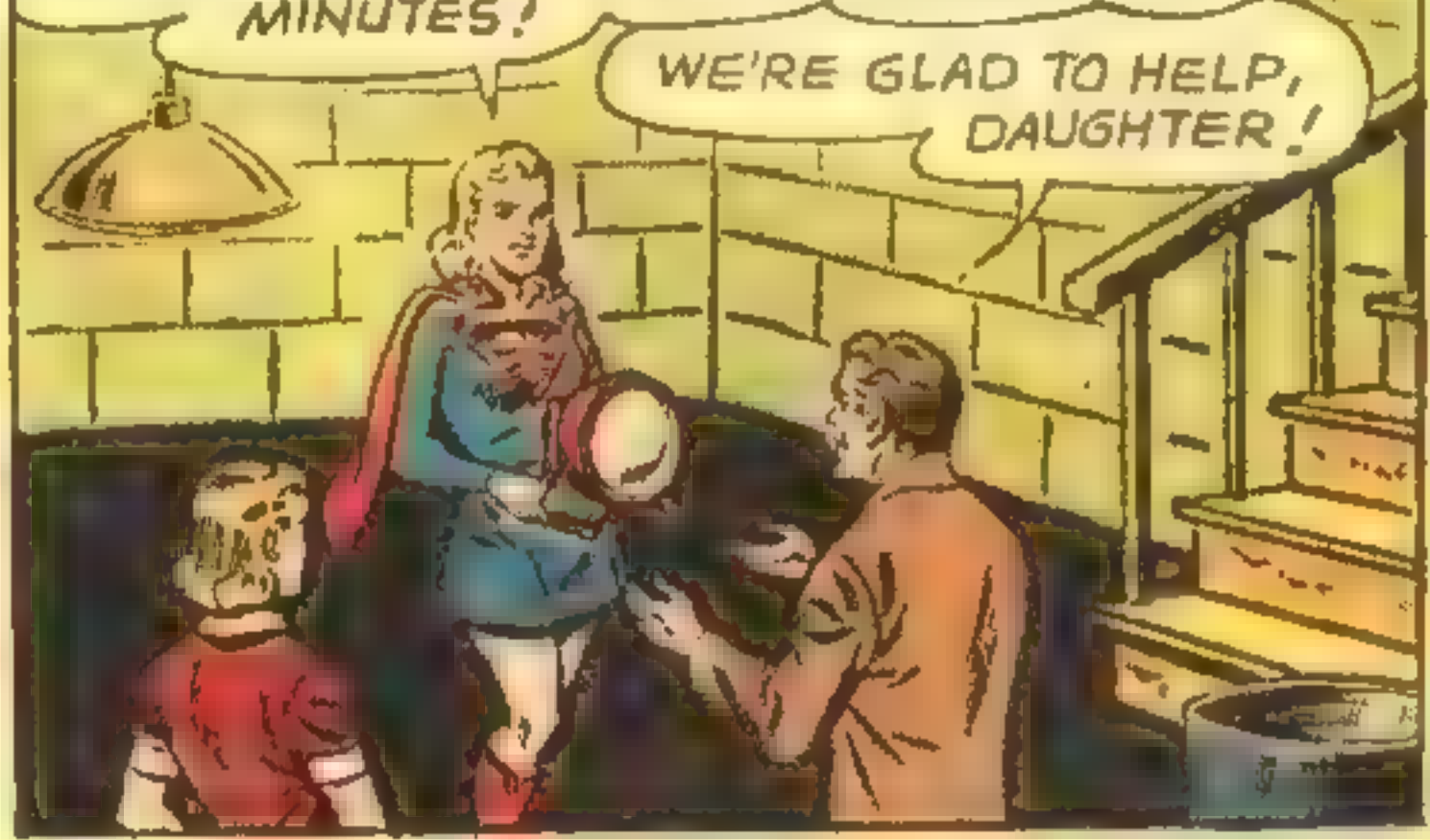
THAT MESSAGE MIGHT MEAN THAT MY REAL PARENTS ARE IMPRISONED IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE**! BUT THIS COULD BE SOME KIND OF HOAX PLANNED BY THE **PHANTOM ZONE** CRIMINALS! I MUST KNOW!



TAKING THE **PHANTOM RAY PROJECTOR** WITH HER, **SUPERGIRL** STREAKS BACK TO MIDVALE...

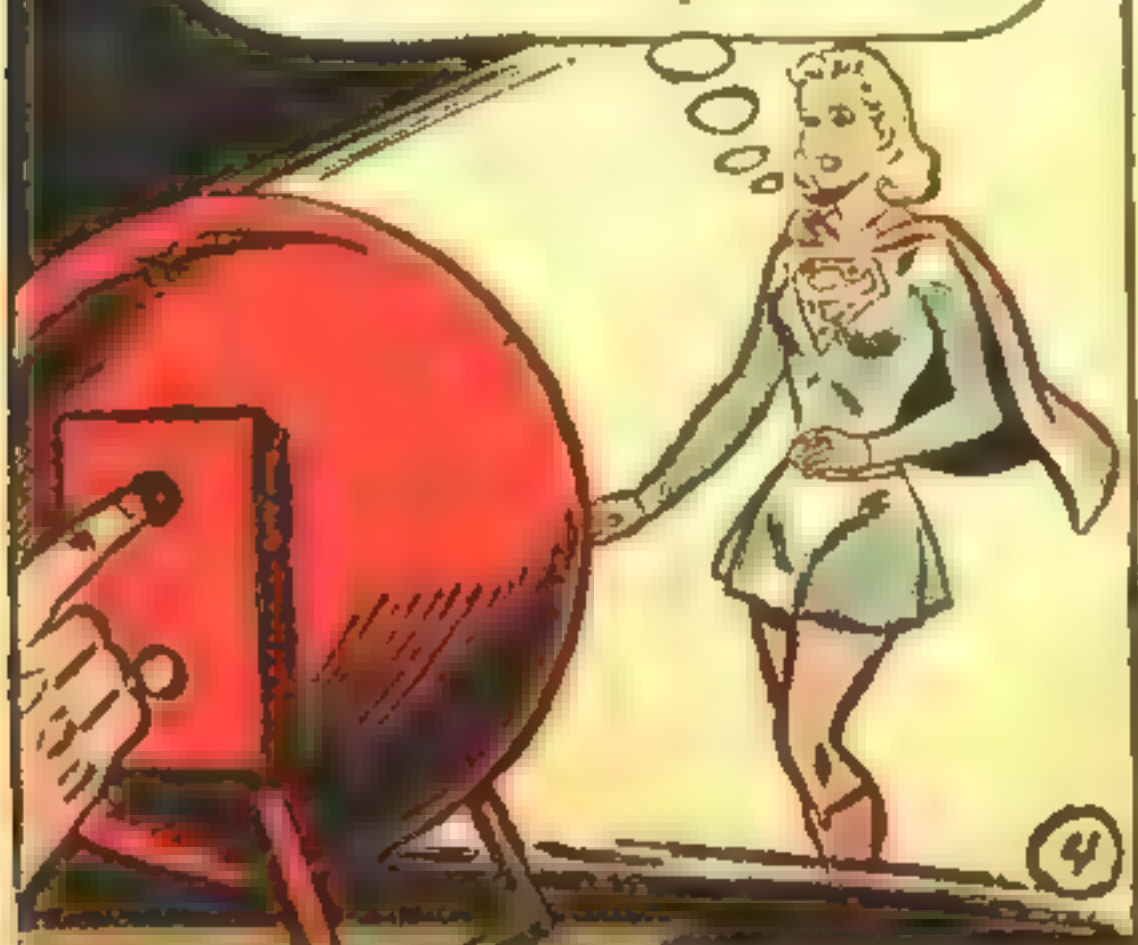
MOTHER, DAD! **SUPERMAN** IS AWAY ON A VITAL TASK, SO I MUST ASK FOR YOUR HELP! TAKE THIS PROJECTOR AND SEND ME INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**! I HAVE A TOP SECRET MISSION TO PERFORM! ADJUST THE CONTROLS SO THAT I'LL BE OUT OF THE ZONE IN TEN MINUTES!

WE'RE GLAD TO HELP, DAUGHTER!



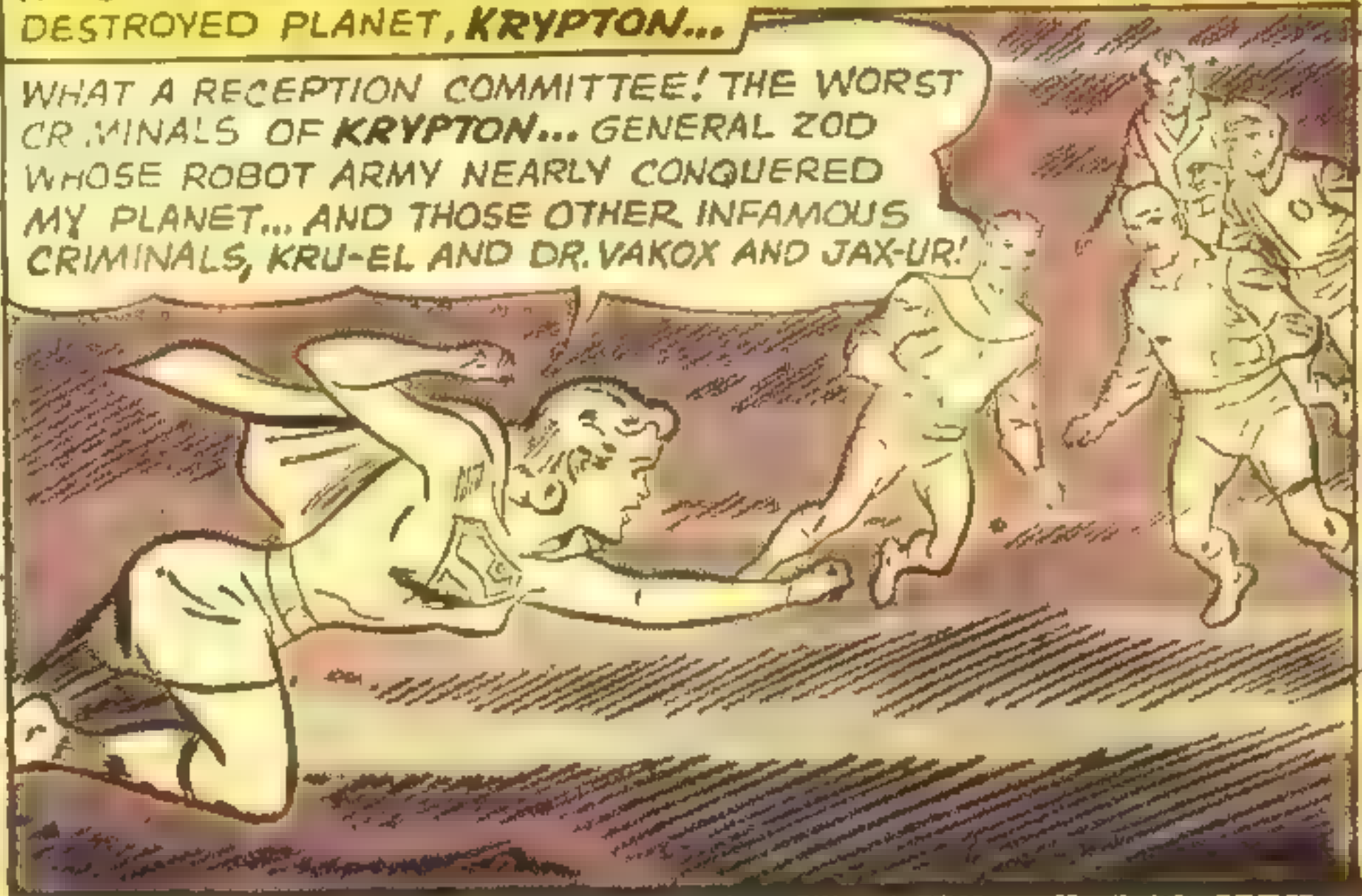
YOU'RE FADING INTO THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION! GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION!

WHAT IRONY! IF MY MISSION SUCCEEDS, THE DANVERS' WILL LOSE A DAUGHTER! **CHOKE!**



AS **SUPERGIRL** EMERGES INTO THE WEIRD, INVISIBLE DIMENSION WHICH IS THE PRISON FOR THE MOST EVIL CRIMINALS OF THE DESTROYED PLANET, **KRYPTON**...

WHAT A RECEPTION COMMITTEE! THE WORST CRIMINALS OF **KRYPTON**... GENERAL ZOD WHOSE ROBOT ARMY NEARLY CONQUERED MY PLANET... AND THOSE OTHER INFAMOUS CRIMINALS, **KRU-EL** AND **DR. VAKOX** AND **JAX-UR**!



WHY ARE YOU OUTCASTS FOLLOWING ME?

OUR MENTAL POWERS HAVE PROBED YOUR MIND, **SUPERGIRL!** YOUR PARENTS ARE IN THE ZONE, ALL RIGHT! BUT YOU'LL NEVER FIND THEM! NEVER!

TAUNTED BY EVIL LAUGHTER, **SUPERGIRL** HUNTS THROUGH EVERY CORNER OF THE LOST WORLD...

MOTHER! FATHER! WHERE ARE YOU? CAN YOU HEAR ME? **CHOKES!** ANSWER ME! PLEASE! PLEASE!

HA, HA! WE COULD TELL YOU WHERE TO FIND THEM, BUT WE WON'T! YOUR SEARCH IS IN VAIN!

PRESENTLY, **SUPERGIRL** SPOTS A SOLITARY FIGURE ...

JER-EM! YOU'RE NOT AS BAD AS THESE OTHERS! HELP ME FIND MY PARENTS AND I'LL TRY TO GET **SUPERMAN** TO PARDON YOU FROM THIS PHANTOM PRISON!

GROAN! I DON'T DESERVE A PARDON, **SUPERGIRL!** MY CRIME WAS SO GREAT, THAT I'M ASHAMED TO TELL YOU WHAT I DID!

IF NOT FOR ME, ALL **ARGO CITY** WOULD STILL BE ALIVE! **GROAN!** I'LL TRY TO MAKE UP FOR MY CRIME BY TELLING YOU WHERE YOUR KRYPTONIAN PARENTS ARE!

LOOK! THAT RAT **JER-EM** IS GOING TO SQUEAL AND SPOIL OUR FUN! LET'S CONCENTRATE OUR MENTAL POWERS AND BLACK OUT HIS TELEPATHIC MESSAGE!

AN INSTANT LATER...

YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER ARE EXILED... ZONE... PHANTOM... SURVIVAL...

GREAT KRYPTON! THEY'RE BEAMING THEIR CONCENTRATED MENTAL POWERS AT **JER-EM** AND SCRAMBLING HIS THOUGHTS! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S THINKING!

HA, HA! WE STOPPED THAT STOOL-PIGEON FROM TELLING YOU WHERE TO FIND YOUR PARENTS! HOW WE DREAMED OF THIS MOMENT OF VENGEANCE!

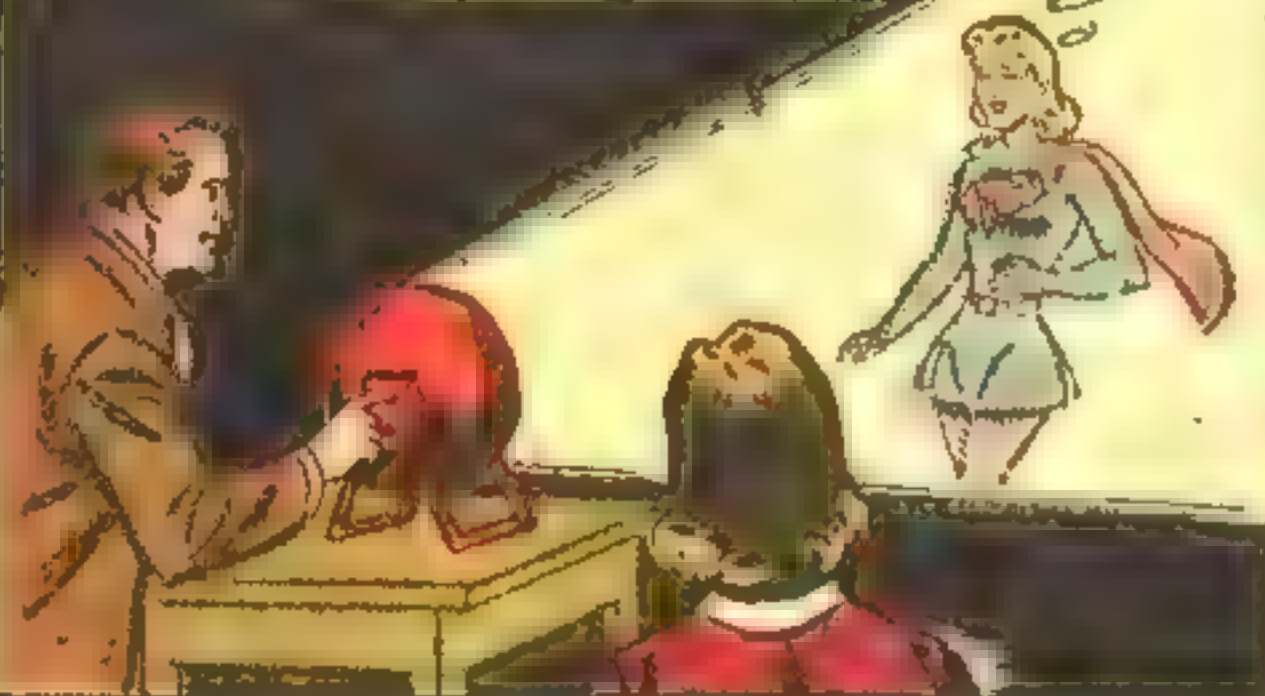
GROAN! THE SKUNKS! HOW THEY MUST ENJOY TEASING ME!

AN INSTANT LATER, **SUPERGIRL** IS MATERIALIZED INTO THE REAL WORLD...

THE TEN MINUTES WERE UP! WE BROUGHT YOU BACK AS YOU REQUESTED! DID YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION, DEAR?

ER, NOT YET, FOLKS!

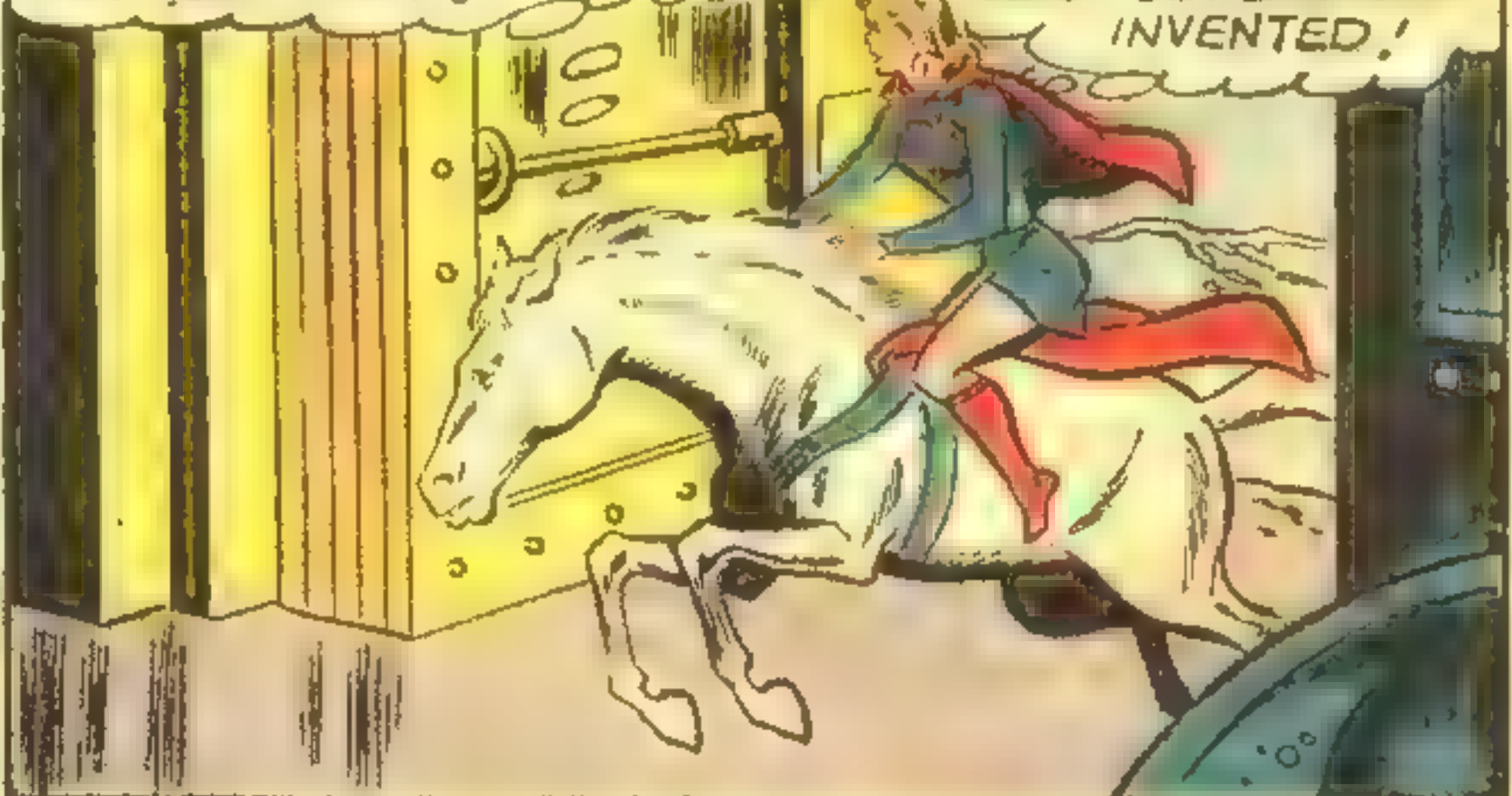
I WISH I COULD CONFIDE IN THEM, BUT I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF HURTING THEM!



SHORTLY, ACCOMPANIED BY **SUPERHORSE**, **SUPERGIRL** FLASHES BACK TO THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**...

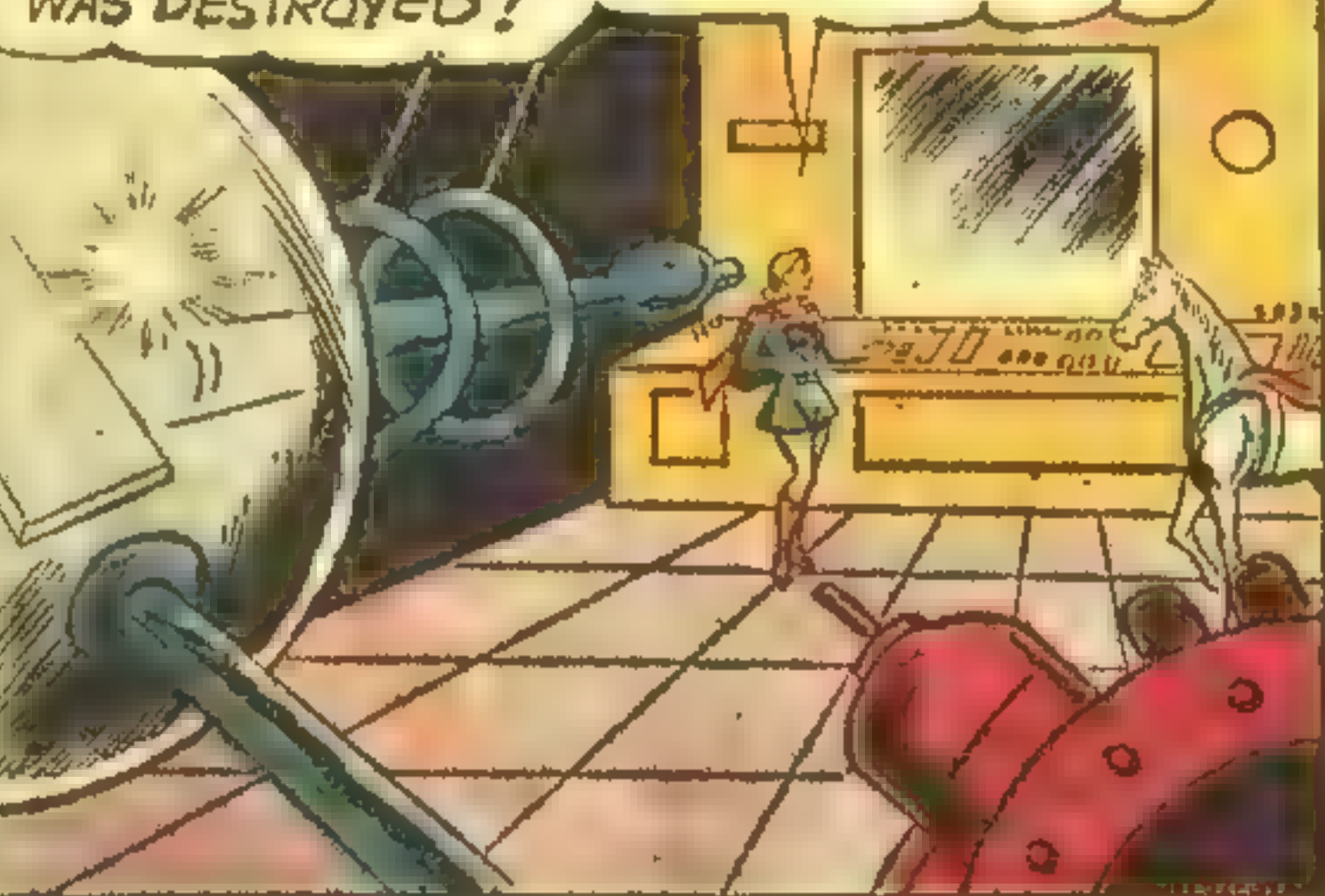
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW COULD YOUR REAL PARENTS HAVE SURVIVED THE RADIATION THAT WIPED OUT THE POPULATION OF **ARGO CITY**?

THERE'S JUST ONE WAY WE MIGHT FIND OUT! WE'LL USE THE **CHRONOSCOPE** WHICH **SUPERMAN** INVENTED!



SOON, IN **SUPERMAN'S** HEADQUARTERS...

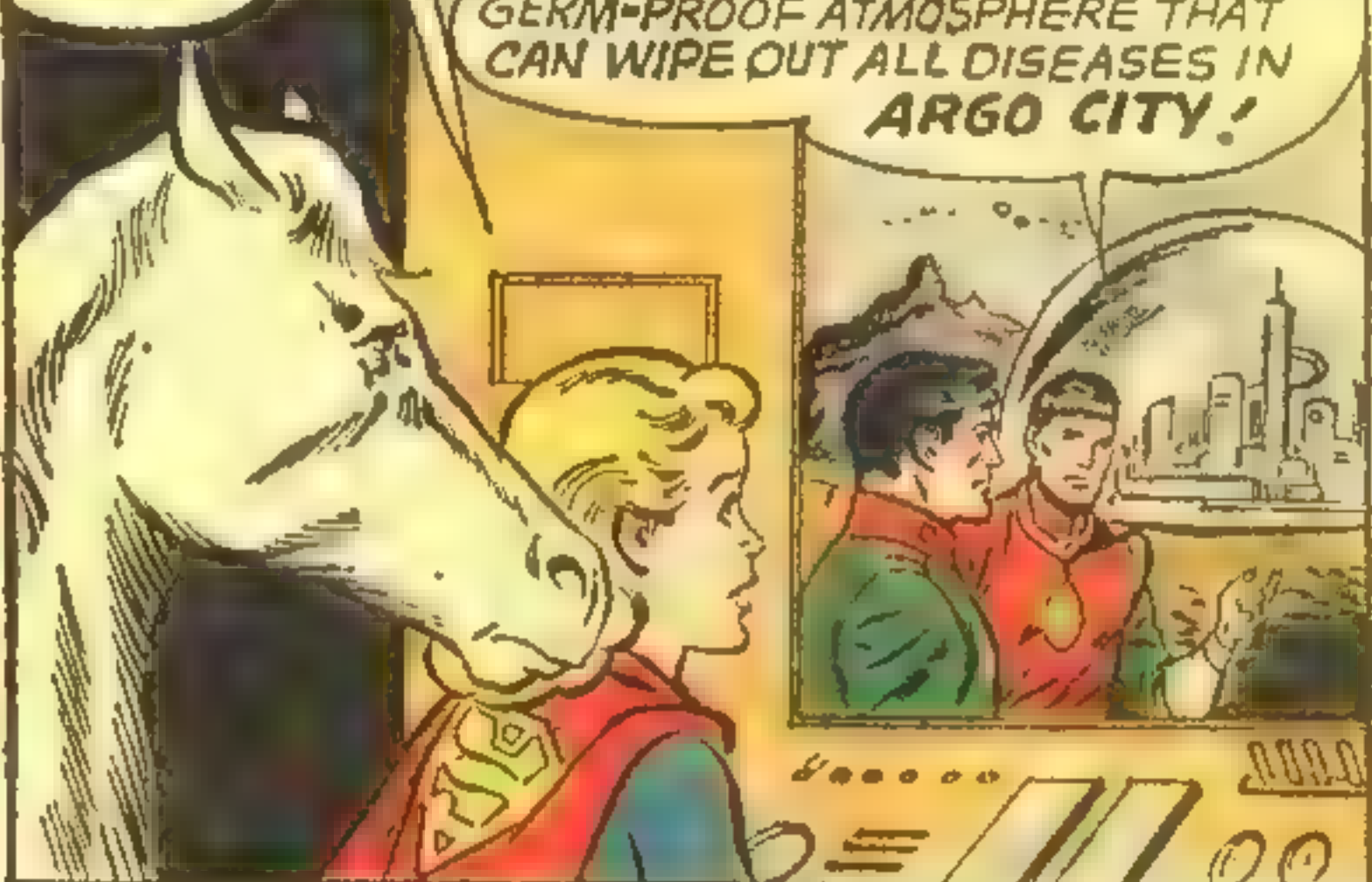
THIS **CHRONOSCOPE** CAN OVERTAKE LIGHT RAYS WHICH LEFT **KRYPTON** YEARS AGO! BY WATCHING THE SCREEN WE CAN VIEW THE PAST! I'LL ADJUST THE DIALS TO **KRYPTON** BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED!



AS **SUPERGIRL** FOCUSES THE DEVICE...

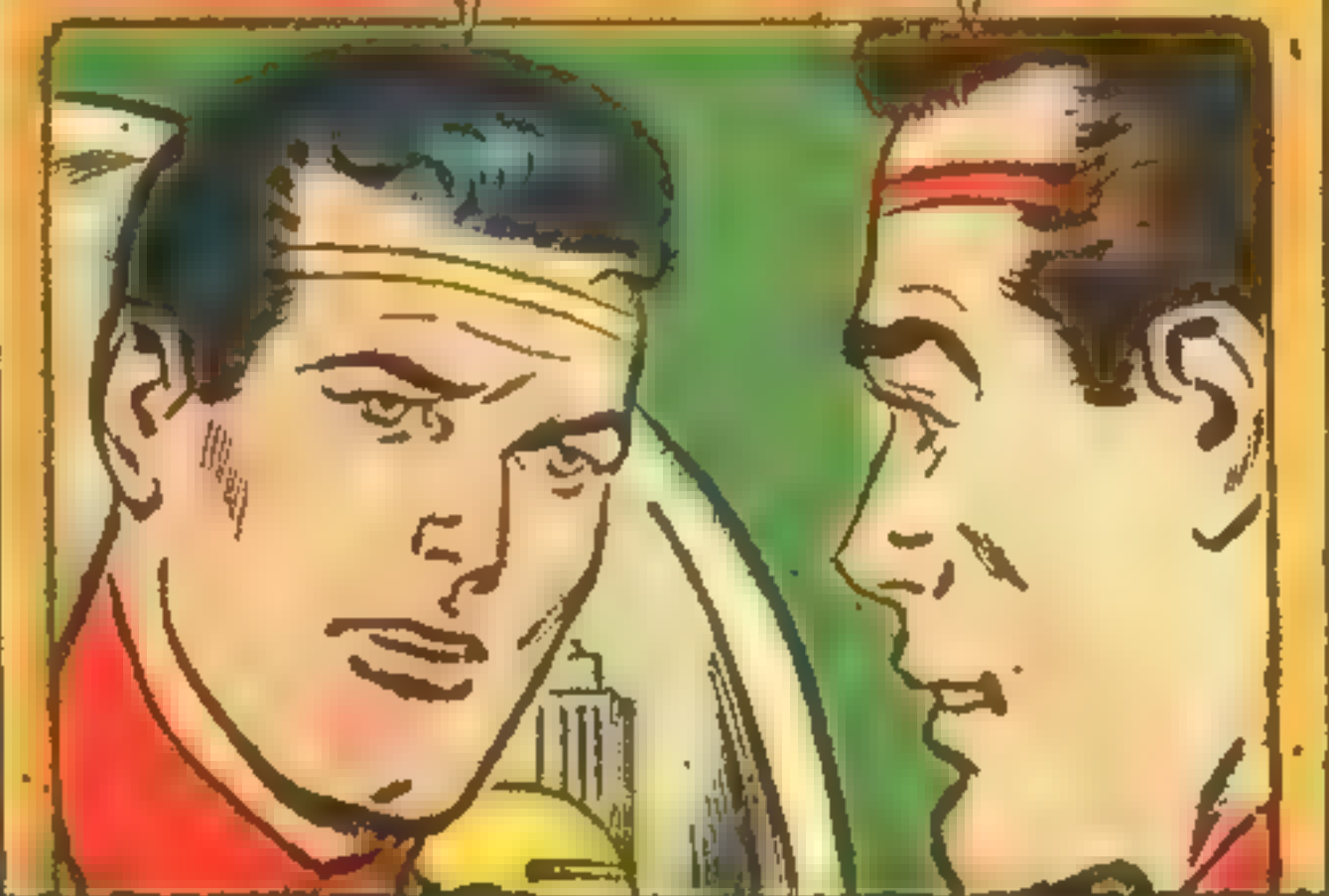
IT'S MY UNCLE, **JOR-EL**, TALKING TO MY FATHER, **ZOR-EL**, OUTSIDE **ARGO CITY**!

THAT NON-BREAKABLE PLASTIC DOME IS MY GREATEST EXPERIMENT, **JOR-EL**! IT CONTAINS A GERM-PROOF ATMOSPHERE THAT CAN WIPE OUT ALL DISEASES IN **ARGO CITY**!

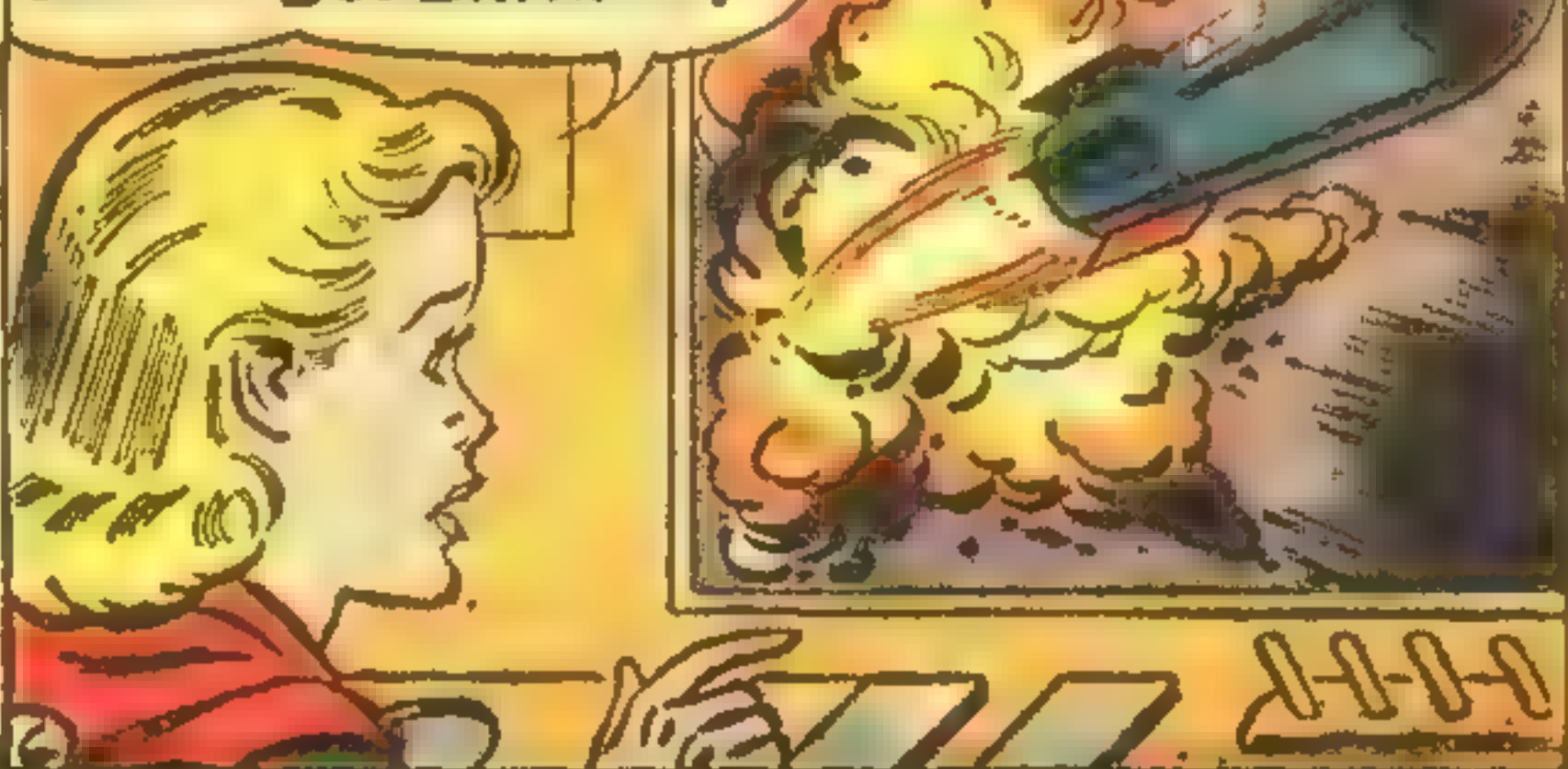


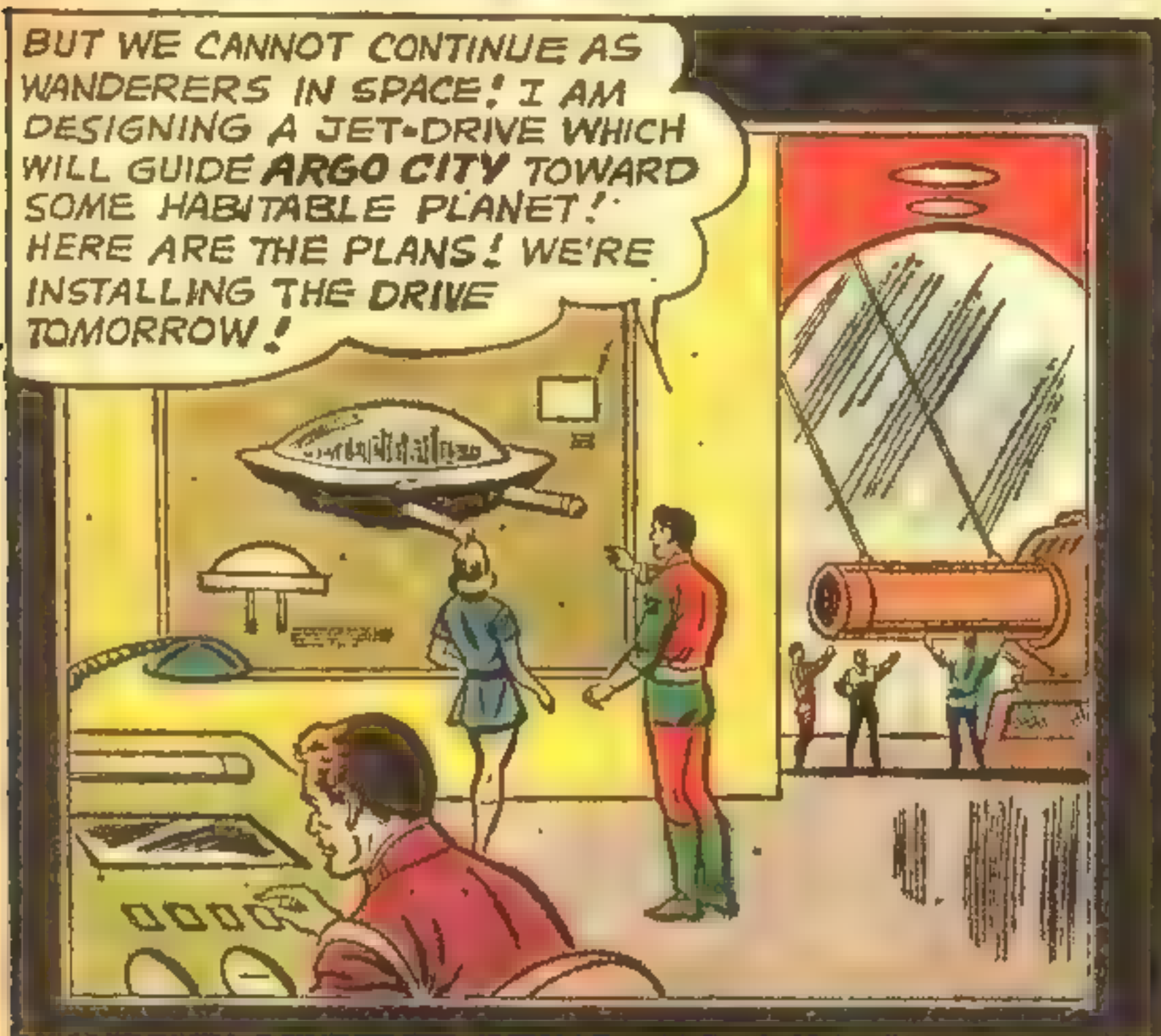
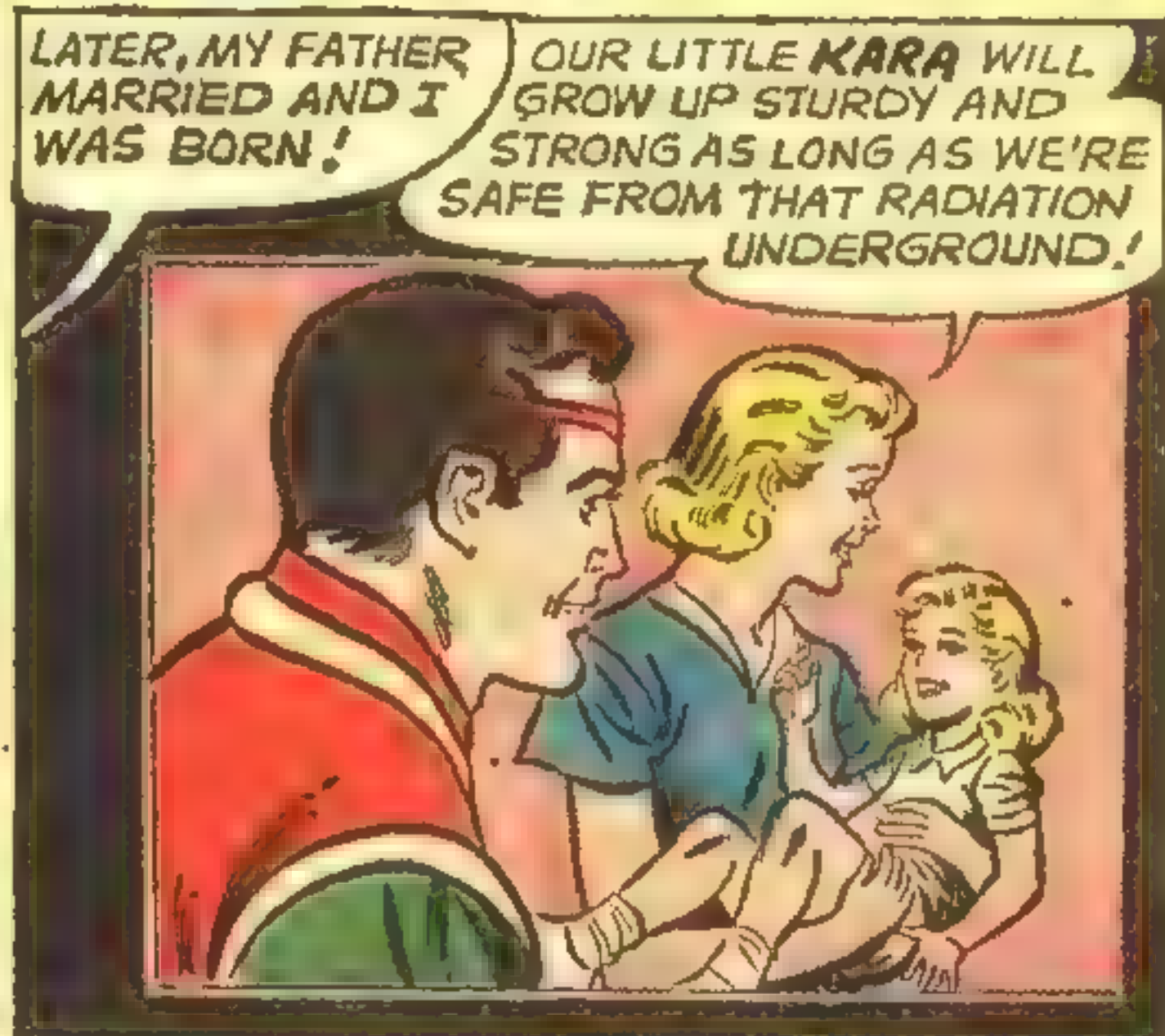
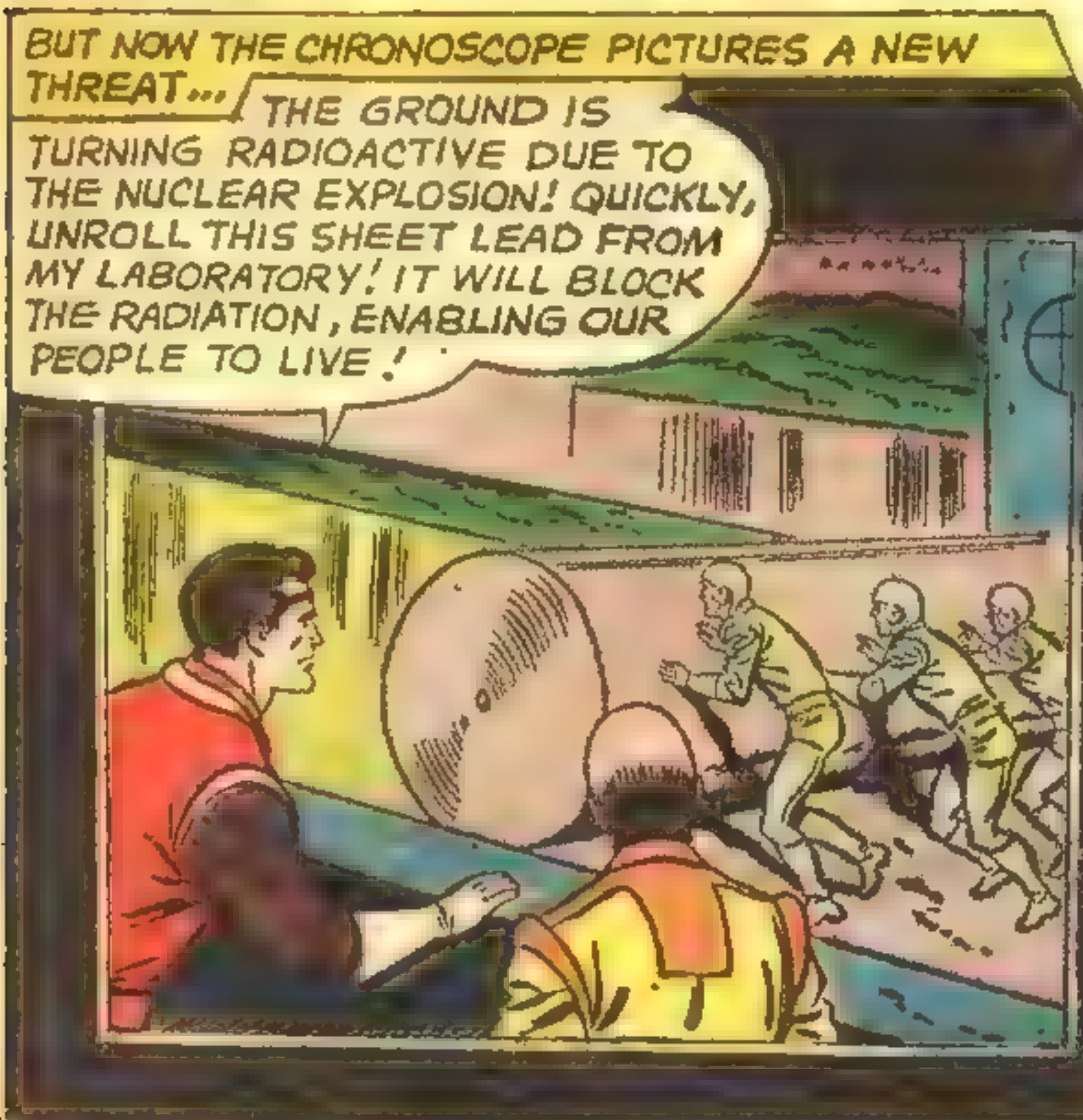
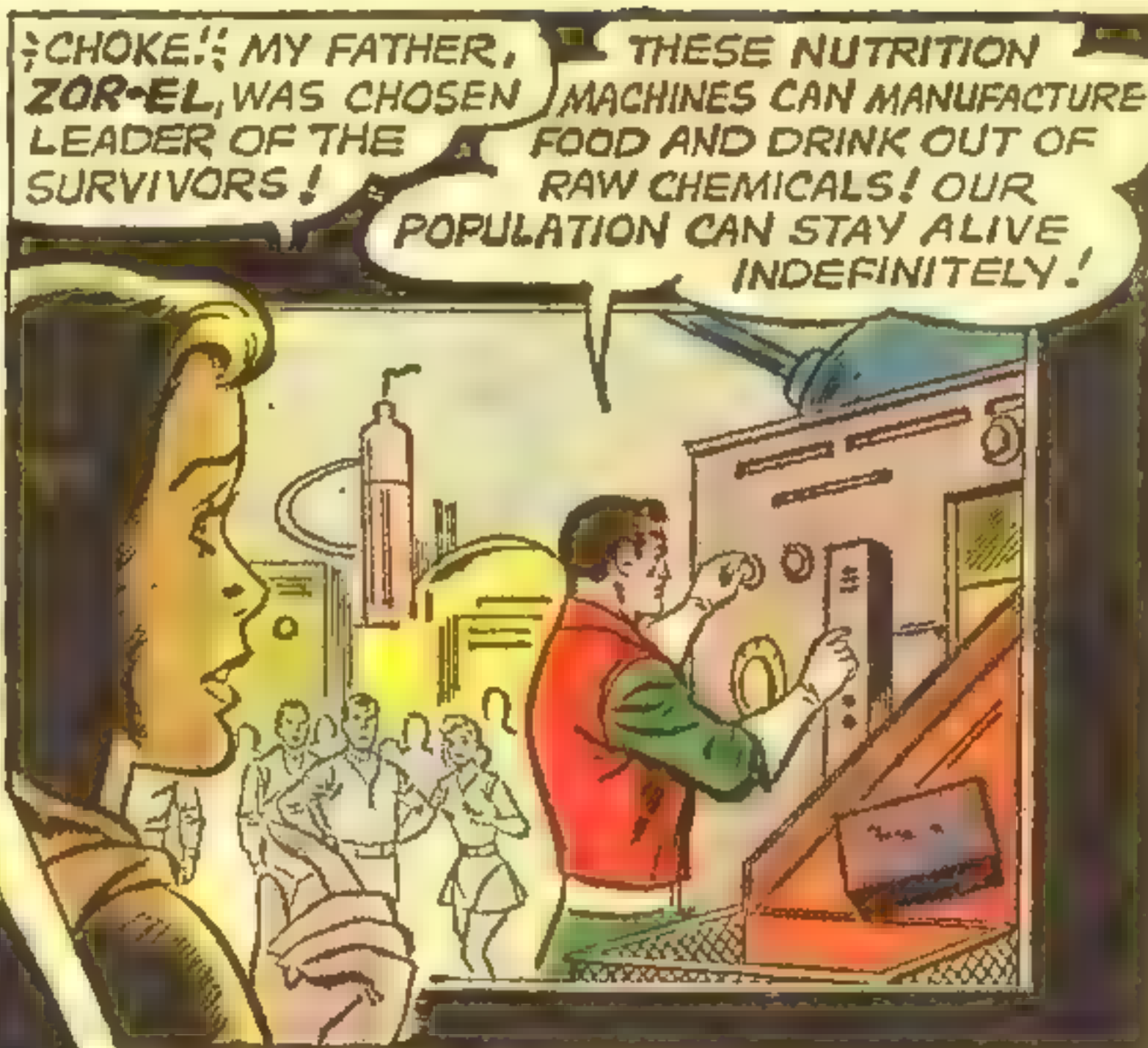
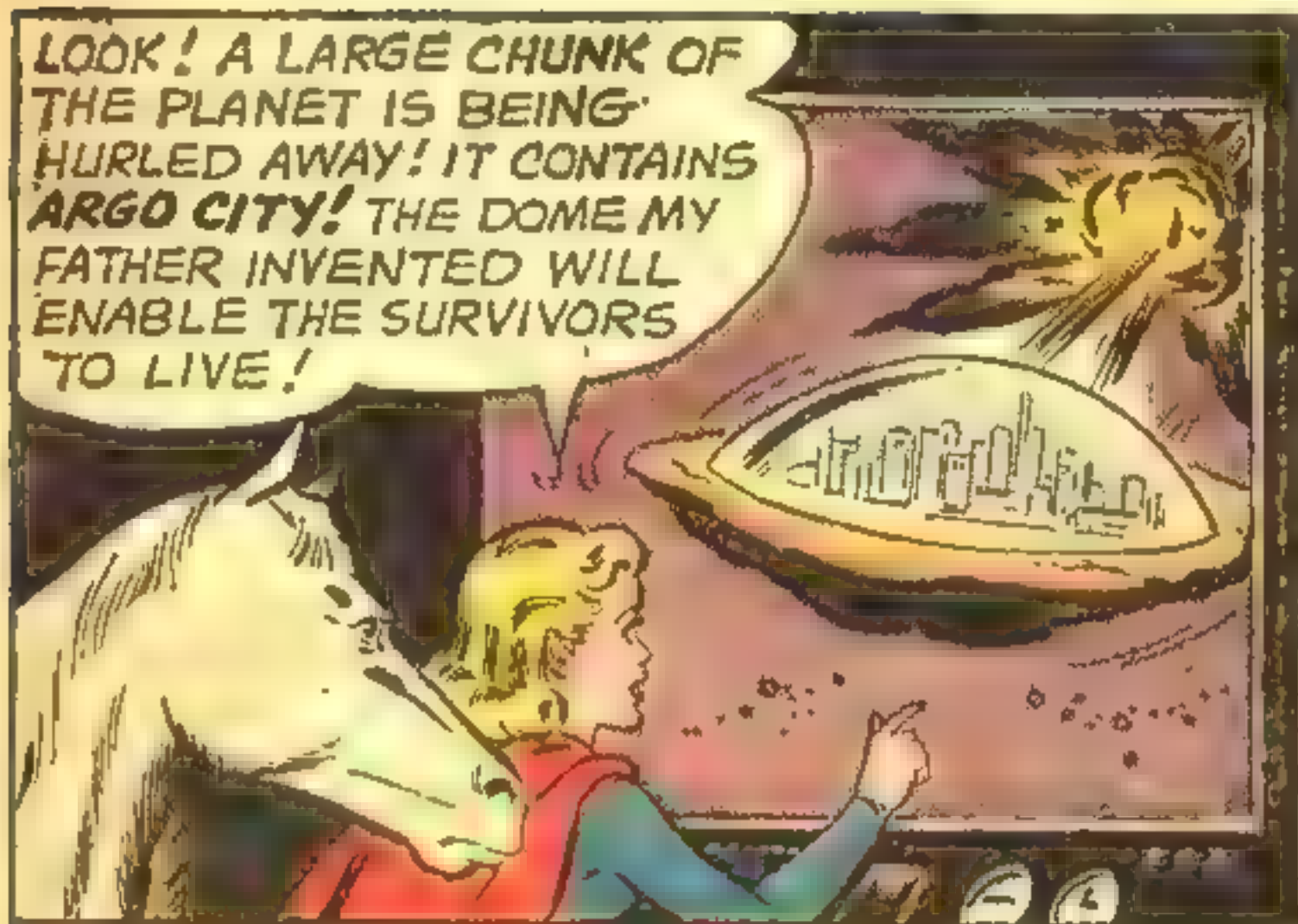
YOUR WORK MAY BE IN VAIN, MY BROTHER! I BELIEVE A NUCLEAR CHAIN REACTION IN THE INTERIOR OF OUR PLANET WILL EXPLÖDE **KRYPTON** WITHIN MONTHS!

I'VE HEARD YOUR THEORY, **JOR-EL**! YOU WORRY NEEDLESSLY. **NOTHING** CAN EXPLÖDE OUR MIGHTY PLANET!



I'LL SPEED UP THE **CHRONOSCOPE**! **WULP!** THERE'S THE EXPLOSION THAT DESTROYED **KRYPTON**, JUST AS **JOR-EL** PREDICTED! BUT HE MANAGED TO LAUNCH A ROCKET CONTAINING HIS BABY SON, **KAL-EL**—WHO LATER REACHED EARTH AND GREW UP TO BECOME **SUPERMAN**!

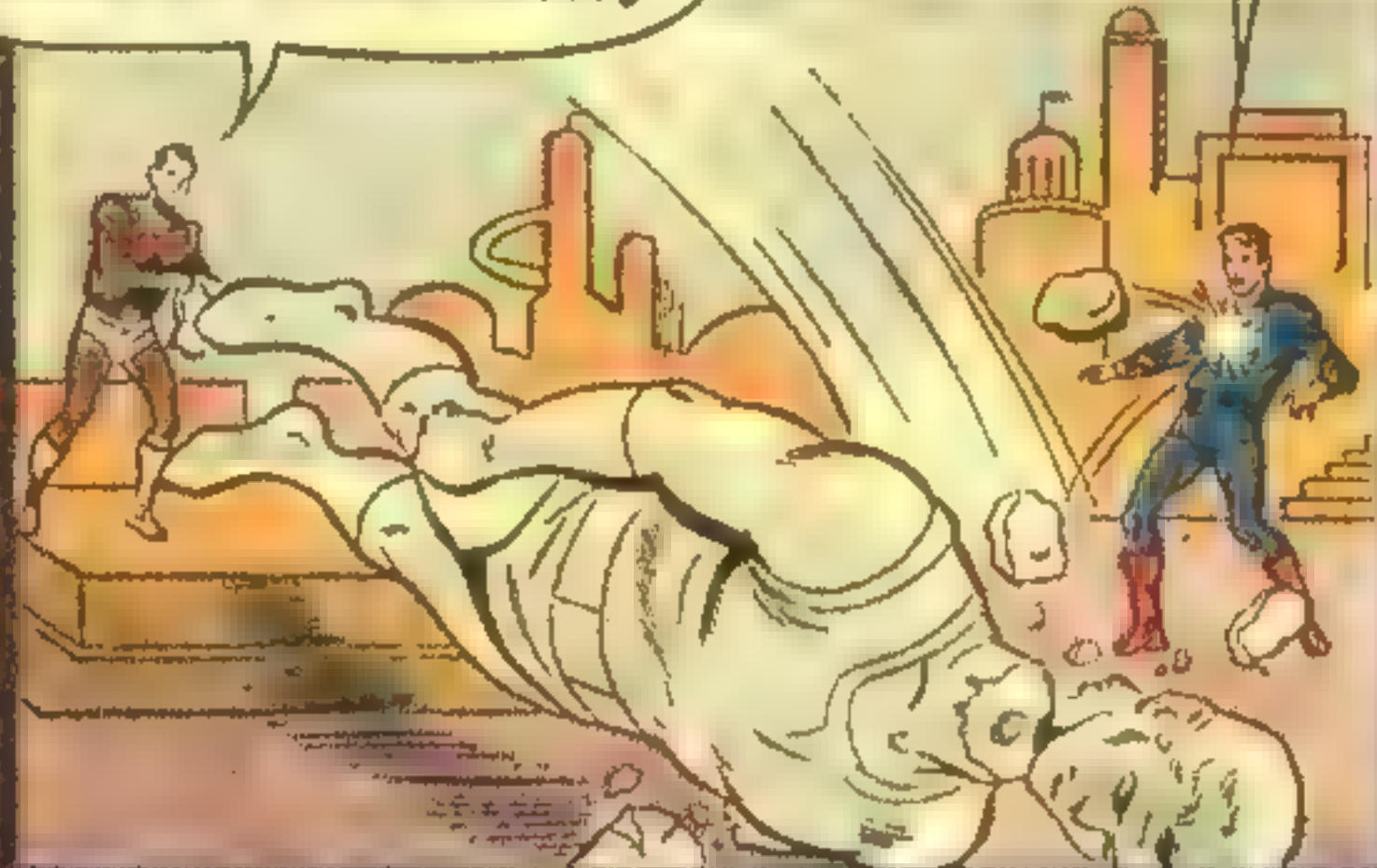




SUDDENLY, A STRANGE PHENOMENON...

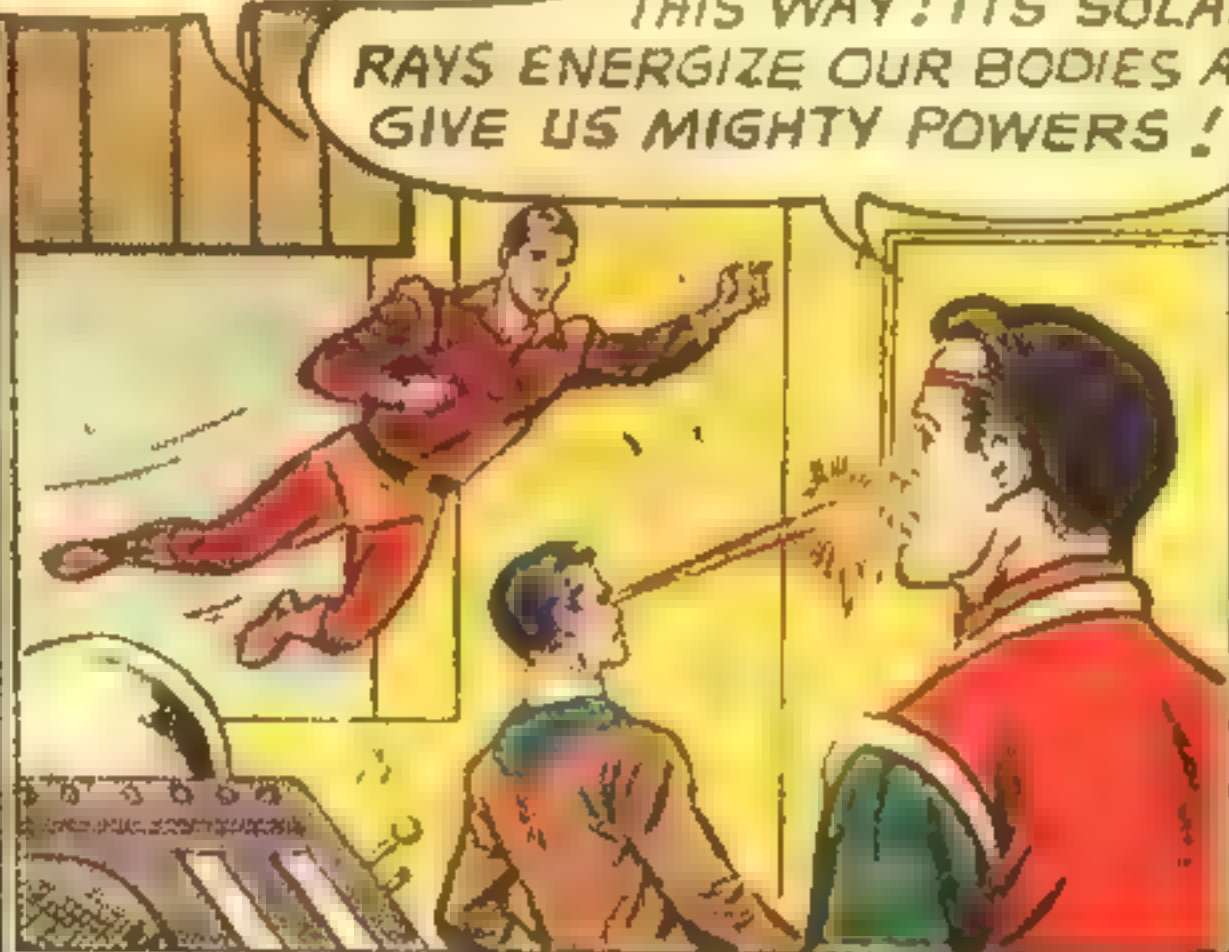
GREAT KRYPTON! I WAS MERELY POLISHING THE STATUE AND IT TOPPLED OVER AT MY TOUCH!--I HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH!

GASP! THAT STONE FRAGMENT BOUNCED OFF ME HARMLESSLY! I'M INVULNERABLE!

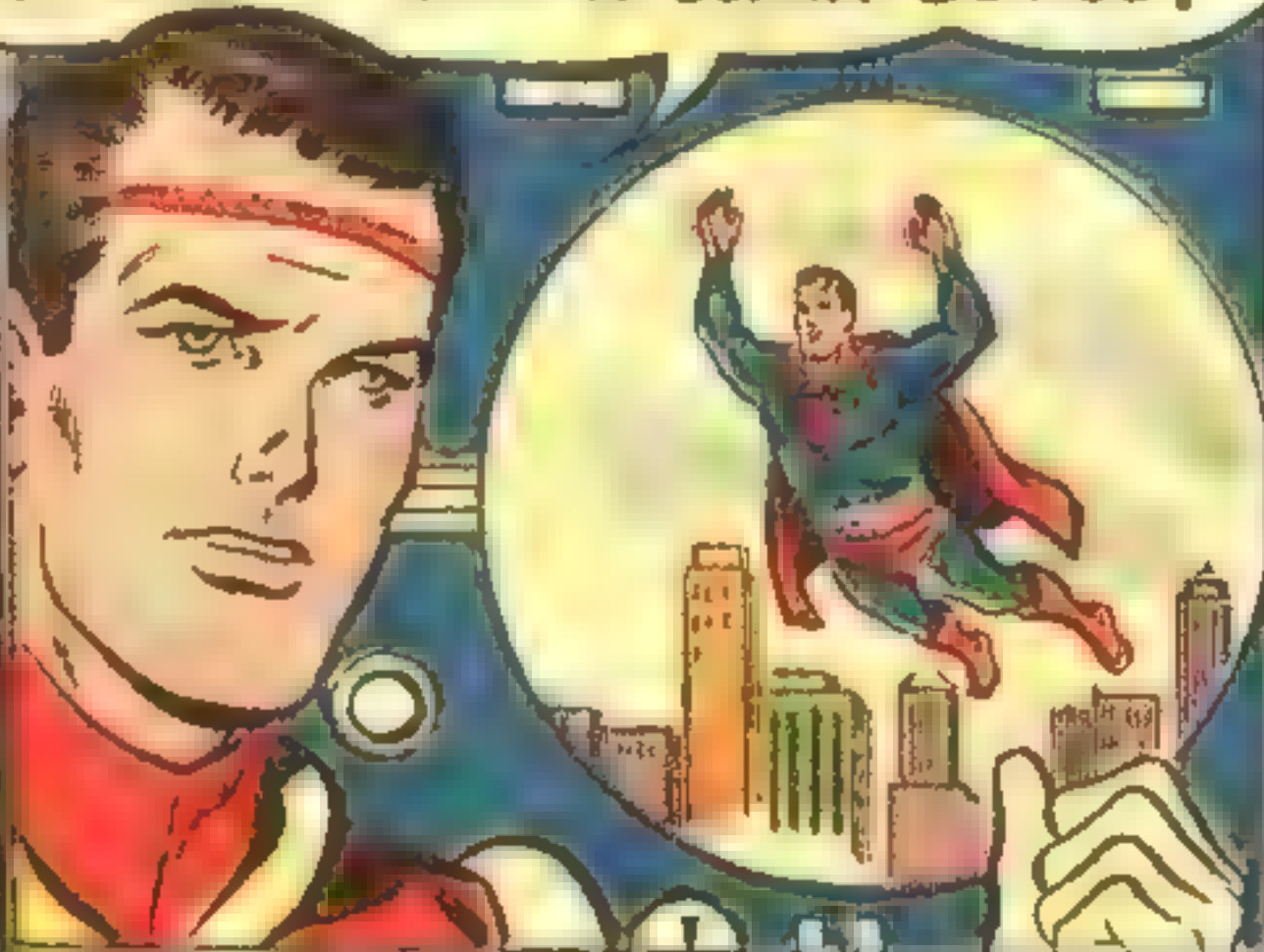


ZOR-EL! THIS IS FANTASTIC! EVERYONE OF US HAS SUDDENLY DEVELOPED SUPER-POWERS! BUT WHY?

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THAT YELLOW SUN WE ARE APPROACHING WOULD AFFECT ALL KRYPTONIANS THIS WAY! ITS SOLAR RAYS ENERGIZE OUR BODIES AND GIVE US MIGHTY POWERS!



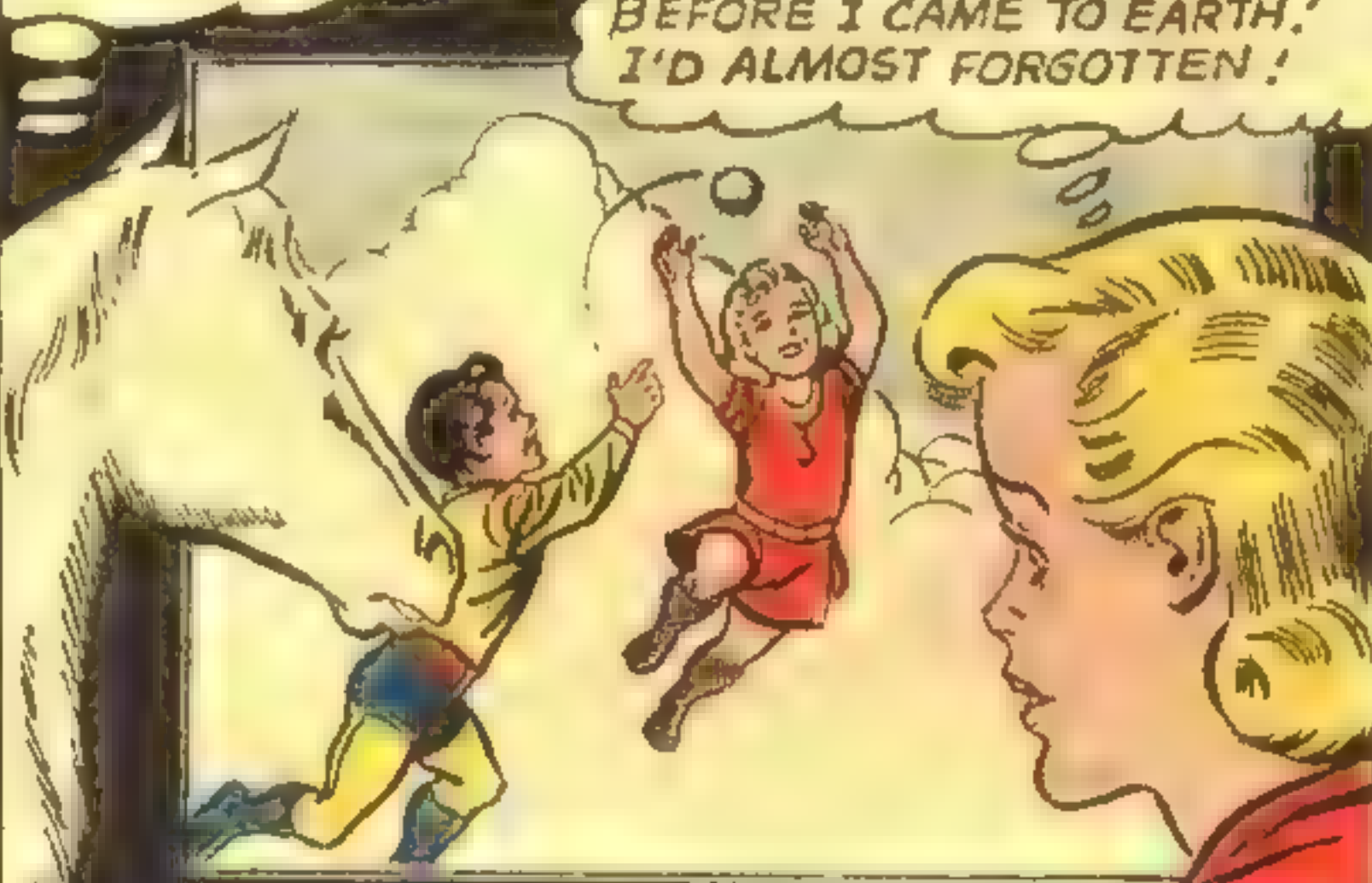
I HAVE BEEN OBSERVING THE DISTANT PLANET, EARTH! THERE MY NEPHEW, KAL-EL, HAS BECOME KNOWN AS SUPERMAN! AS SOON AS WE MASTER OUR NEW POWERS, WE'LL JOIN HIM! WE'LL ESTABLISH A RACE OF SUPER-BEINGS!



AS SUPERGIRL WATCHES SENTIMENTALLY...

THAT LOVELY GOLDEN-HAIRED CHILD... SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR!

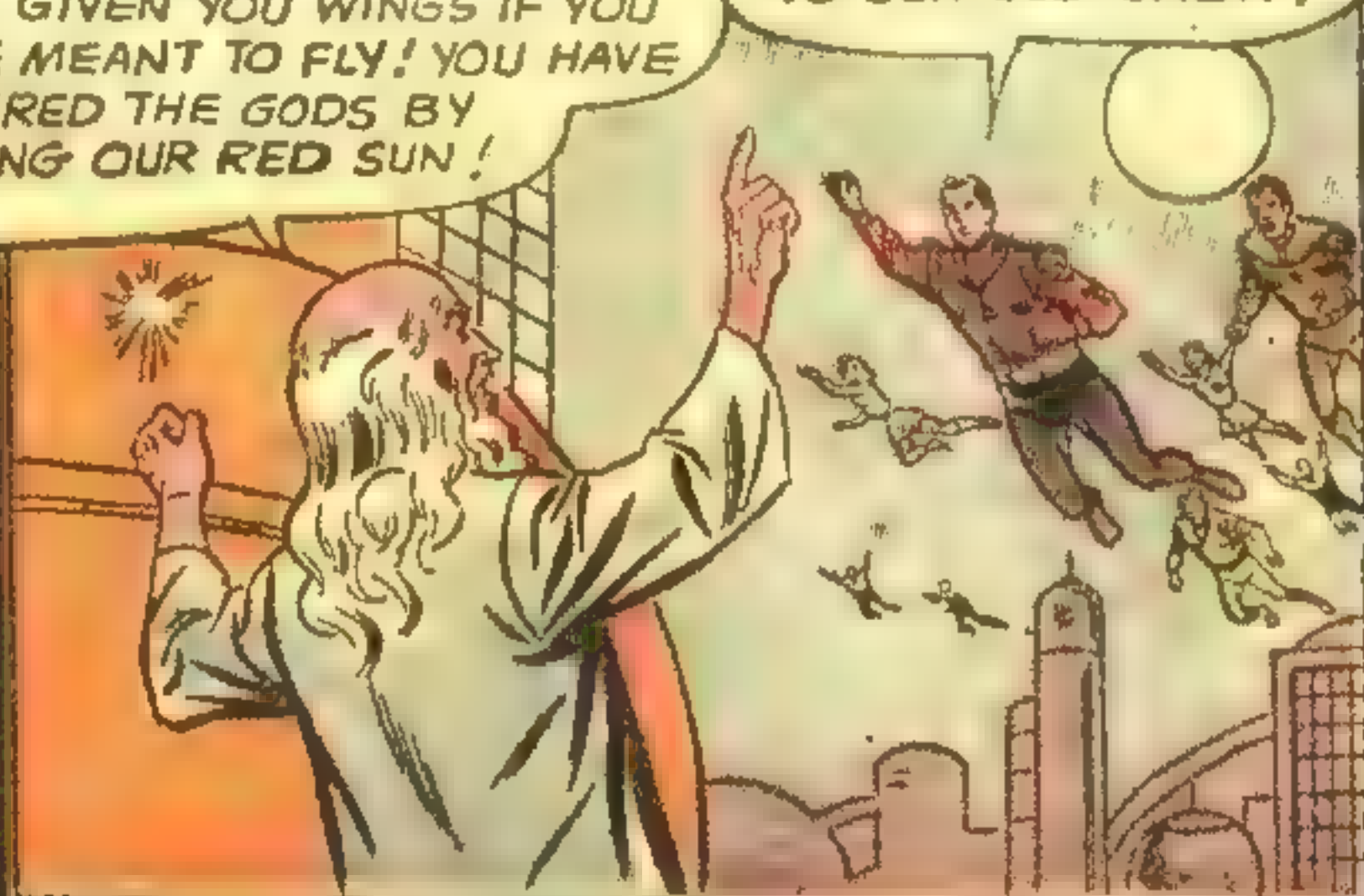
SIGH! THAT'S ME, COMET. AS A TOT I HAD SUPER-POWERS BRIEFLY LONG BEFORE I CAME TO EARTH! I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN!



SUDDENLY, ON THE SCREEN...

GET DOWN! GET DOWN ALL OF YOU! THE GODS OF KRYPTON WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU WINGS IF YOU WERE MEANT TO FLY! YOU HAVE ANGERED THE GODS BY LEAVING OUR RED SUN!

IT'S JER-EM! THE SUPERSTITIOUS FANATIC! HE WANTS US TO RETURN TO OUR OLD ORBIT!



JER-EM. WE CAN'T LET YOUR SUPERSTITIONS STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS! THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING SUPER-HUMAN IF WE USE OUR POWERS FOR GOOD!

YOUR SCIENCE HAS GONE TOO FAR, ZOR-EL! THE GODS WILL PUNISH YOU!

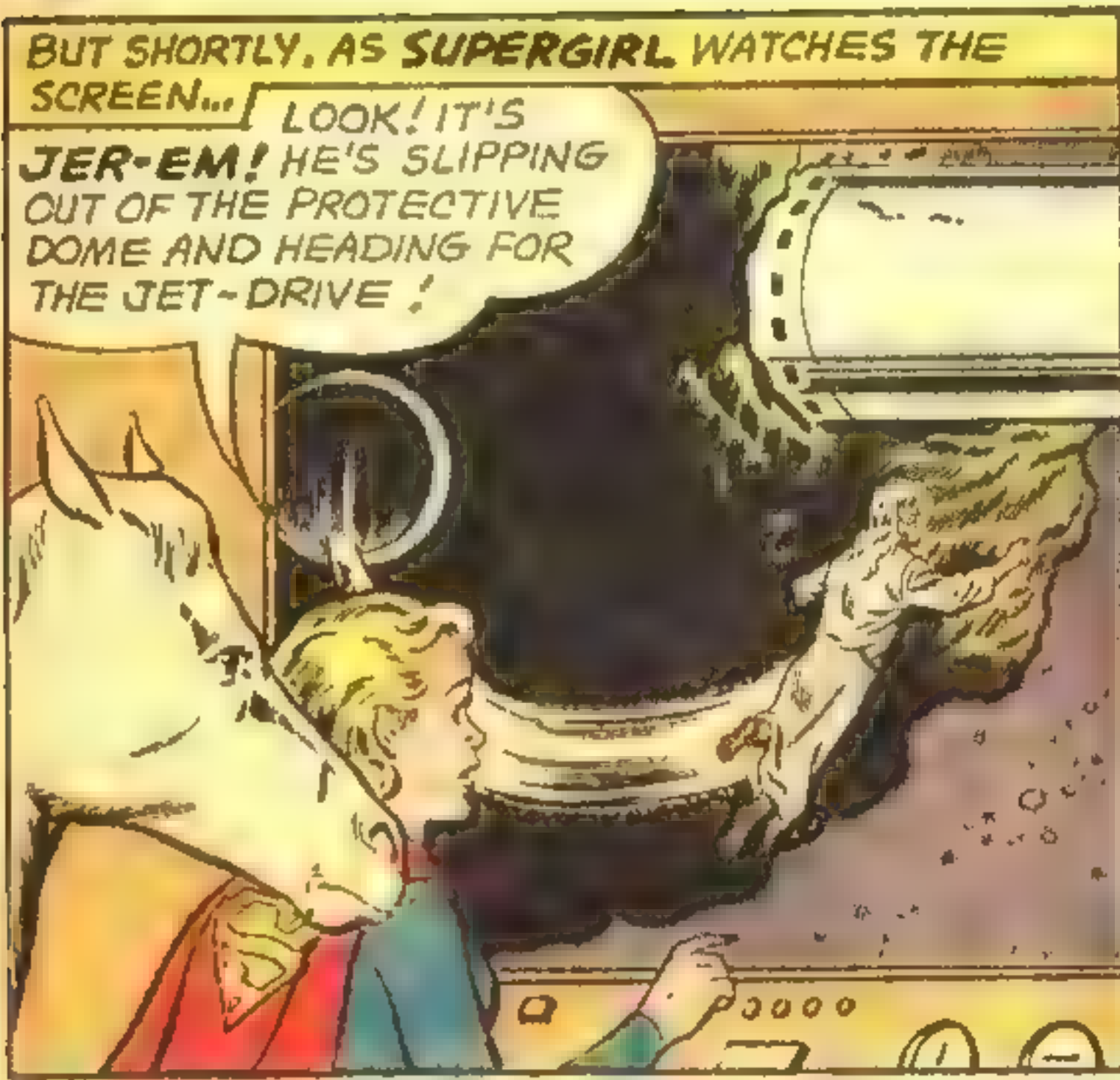




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BUT SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL WATCHES THE SCREEN... LOOK! IT'S **JER-EM!** HE'S SLIPPING OUT OF THE PROTECTIVE DOME AND HEADING FOR THE JET-DRIVE!



GOOD GRIEF! **JER-EM** USED HIS SUPER-STRENGTH TO TURN THE JET-DRIVES AND CHANGE THE ORBIT OF **ARGO CITY**, HOLDING IT AWAY FROM THE YELLOW SUN!



SHORTLY, AS THE CHRONOSCOPE CONTINUES TO REVEAL THE PAST... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WE'VE LOST OUR POWER OF FLIGHT!

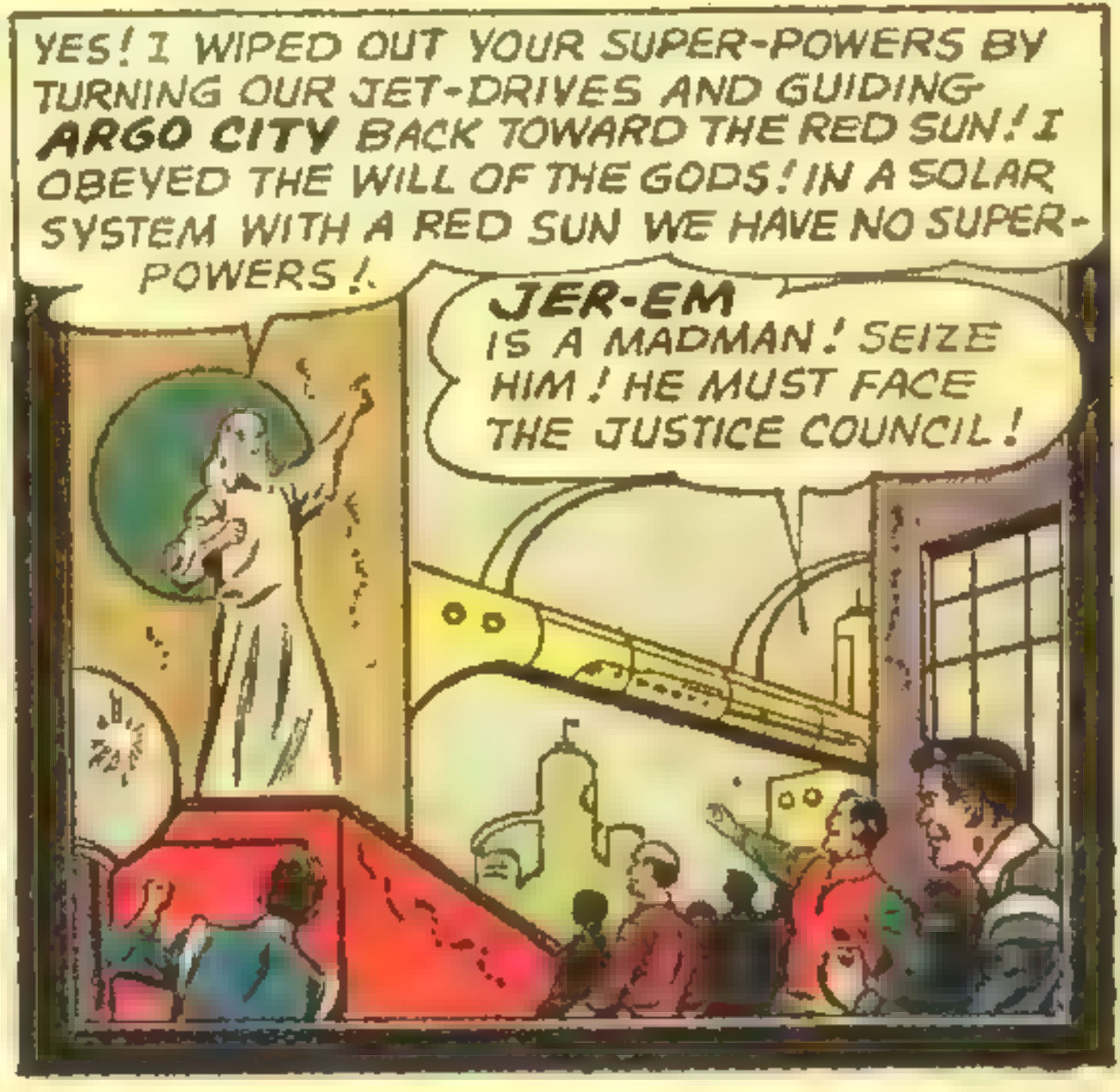
I HURT MYSELF BY FALLING! I'M NO LONGER INVULNERABLE!

OUR SUPER-POWERS!... THEY'RE GONE!



YES! I WIPED OUT YOUR SUPER-POWERS BY TURNING OUR JET-DRIVES AND GUIDING **ARGO CITY** BACK TOWARD THE RED SUN! I OBEYED THE WILL OF THE GODS! IN A SOLAR SYSTEM WITH A RED SUN WE HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS!

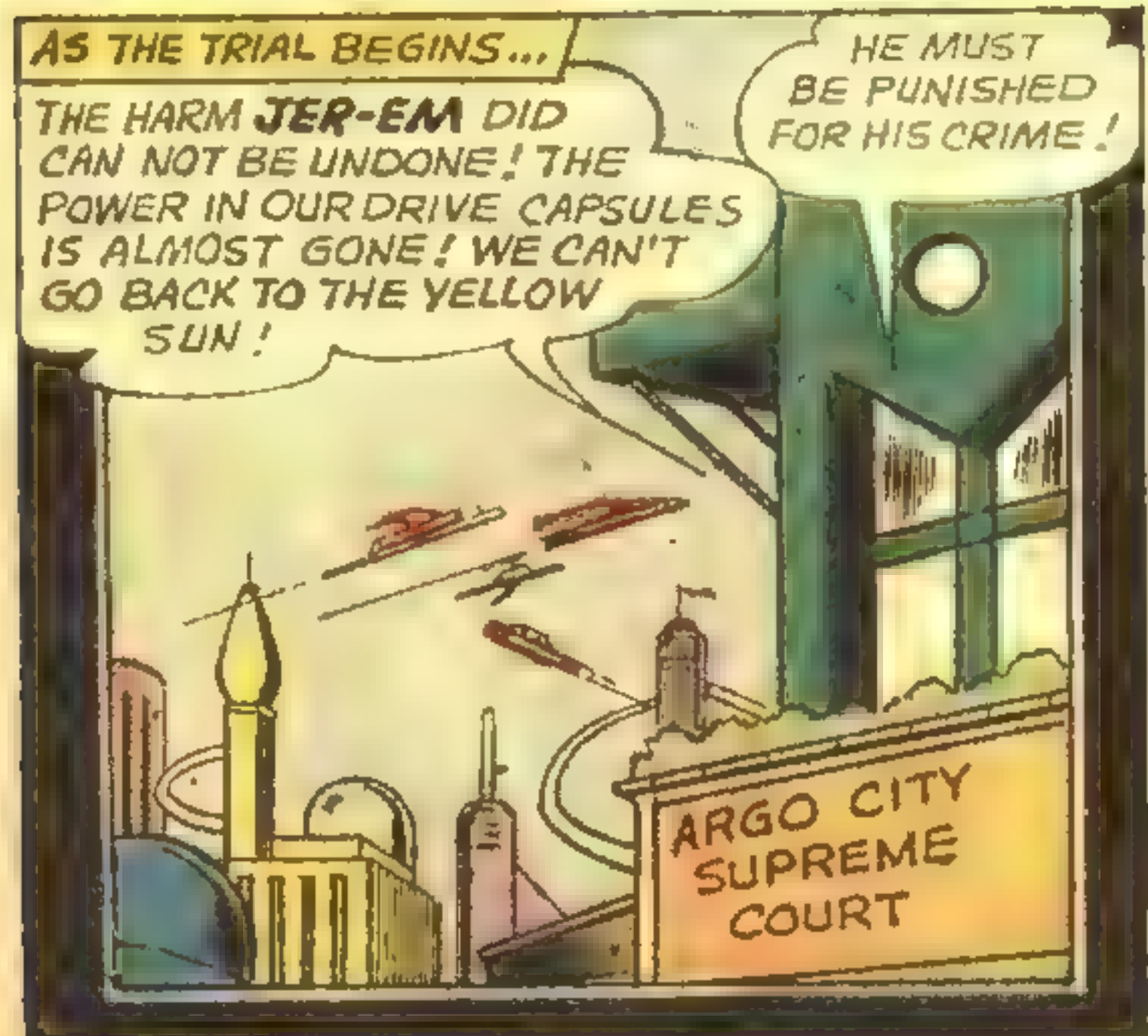
JER-EM IS A MADMAN! SEIZE HIM! HE MUST FACE THE JUSTICE COUNCIL!



AS THE TRIAL BEGINS... THE HARM **JER-EM** DID CAN NOT BE UNDONE! THE POWER IN OUR DRIVE CAPSULES IS ALMOST GONE! WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THE YELLOW SUN!

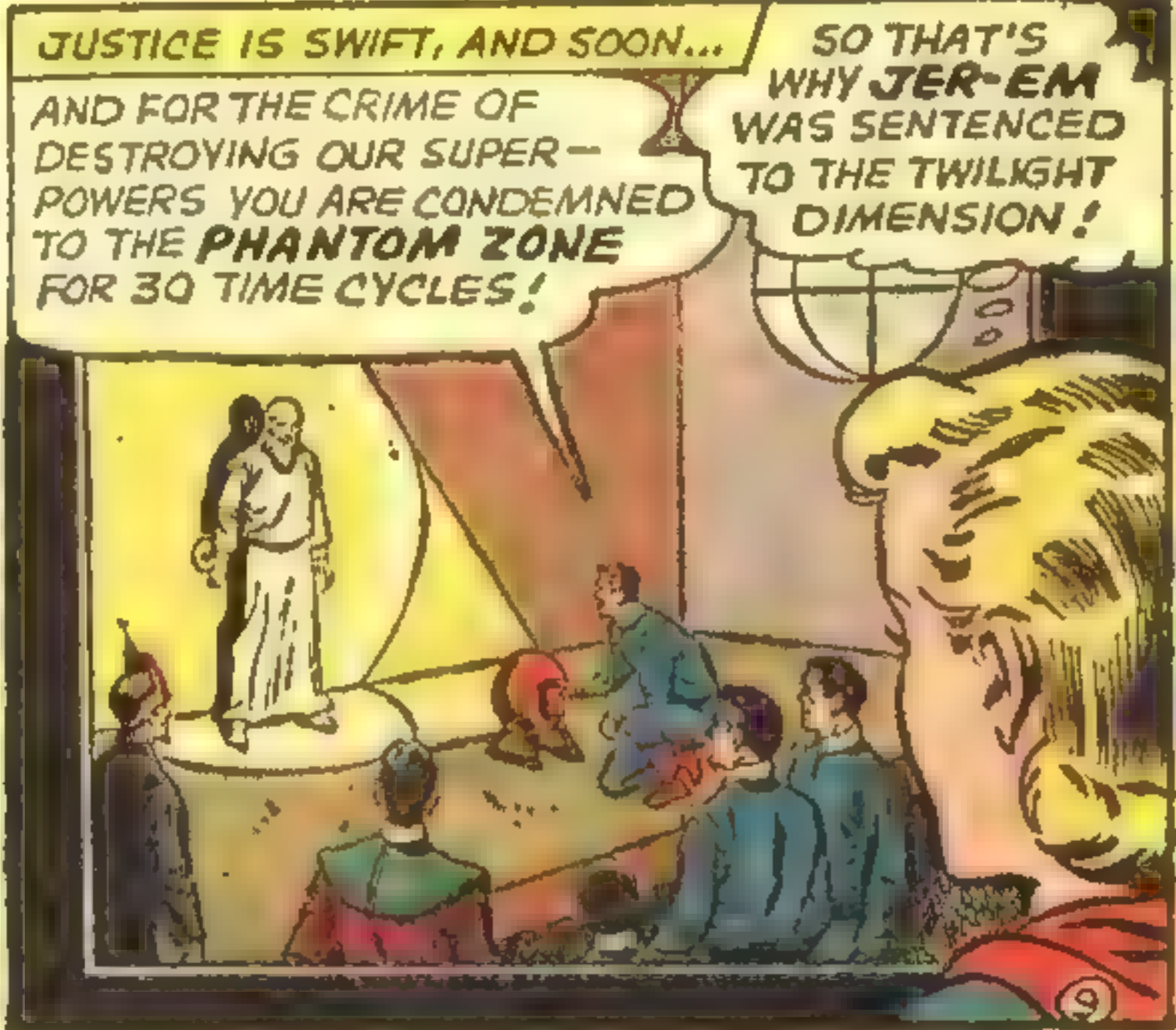
HE MUST BE PUNISHED FOR HIS CRIME!

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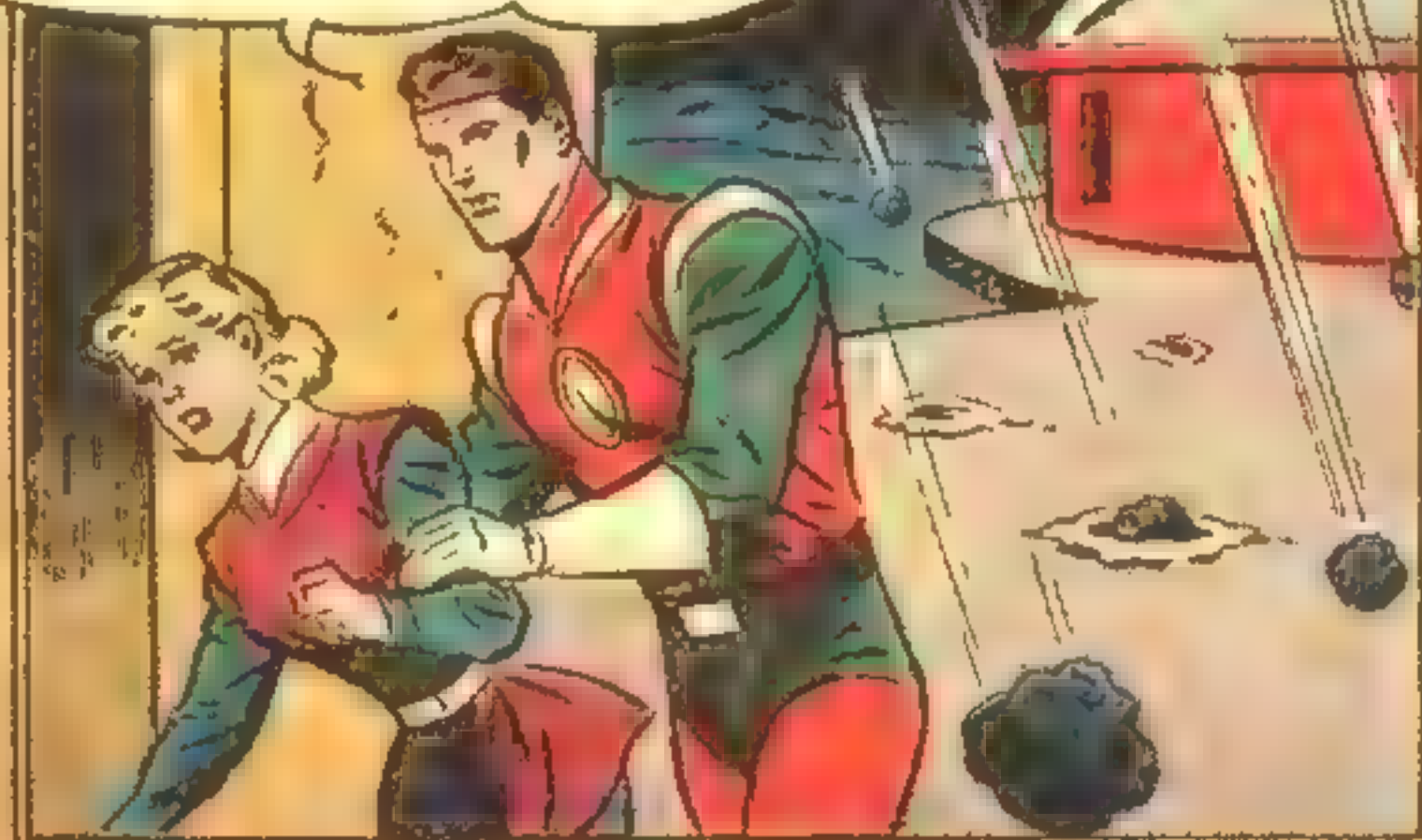


JUSTICE IS SWIFT, AND SOON... AND FOR THE CRIME OF DESTROYING OUR SUPER-POWERS YOU ARE CONDEMNED TO THE **PHANTOM ZONE** FOR 30 TIME CYCLES!

SO THAT'S WHY **JER-EM** WAS SENTENCED TO THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION!

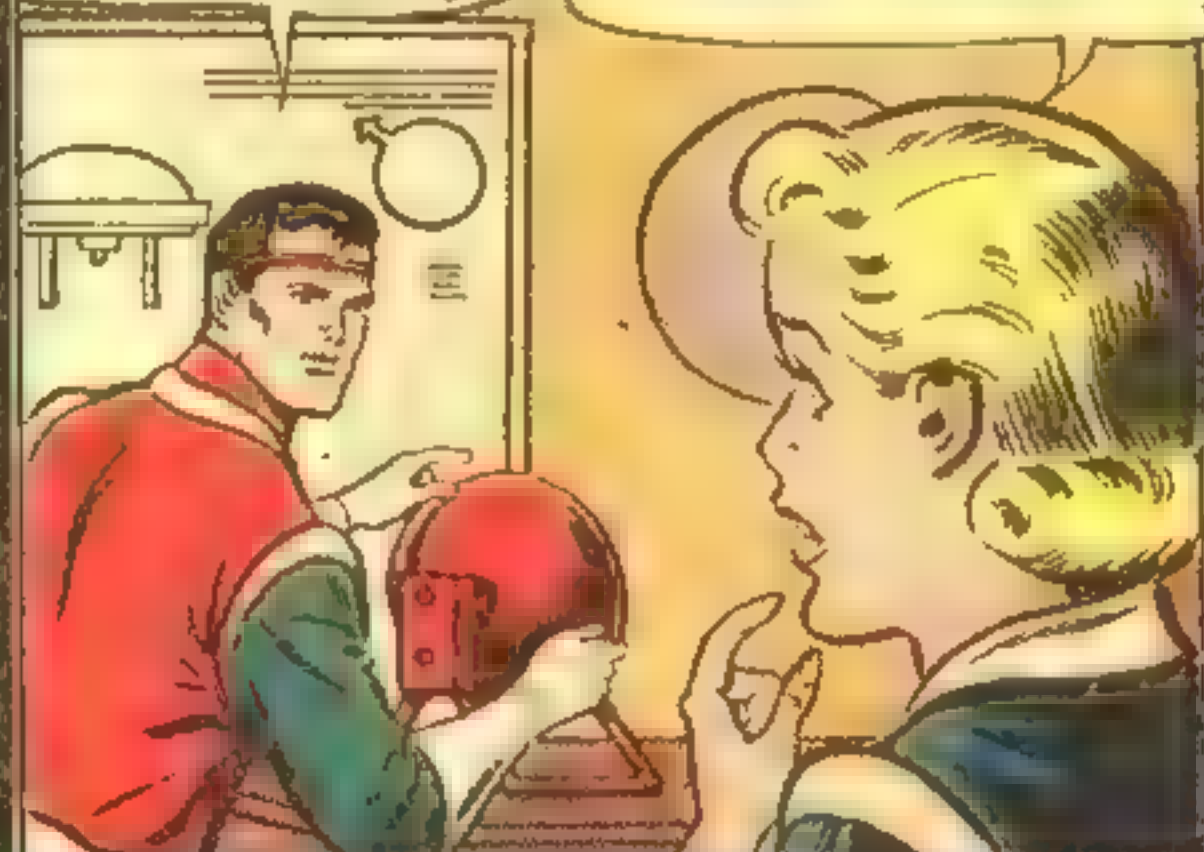


SOON... QUICKLY! INTO THE HOUSE, KARA! A METEOR SWARM IS SMASHING HOLES IN THE LEADEN SHIELD, RELEASING DEADLY RADIOACTIVITY! WE'RE ALL DOOMED...; CHOKE!;



WE HAVE SOME WEEKS BEFORE THE RADIOACTIVITY POISONS US! ONLY ONE THING CAN SAVE THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY FROM ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION!

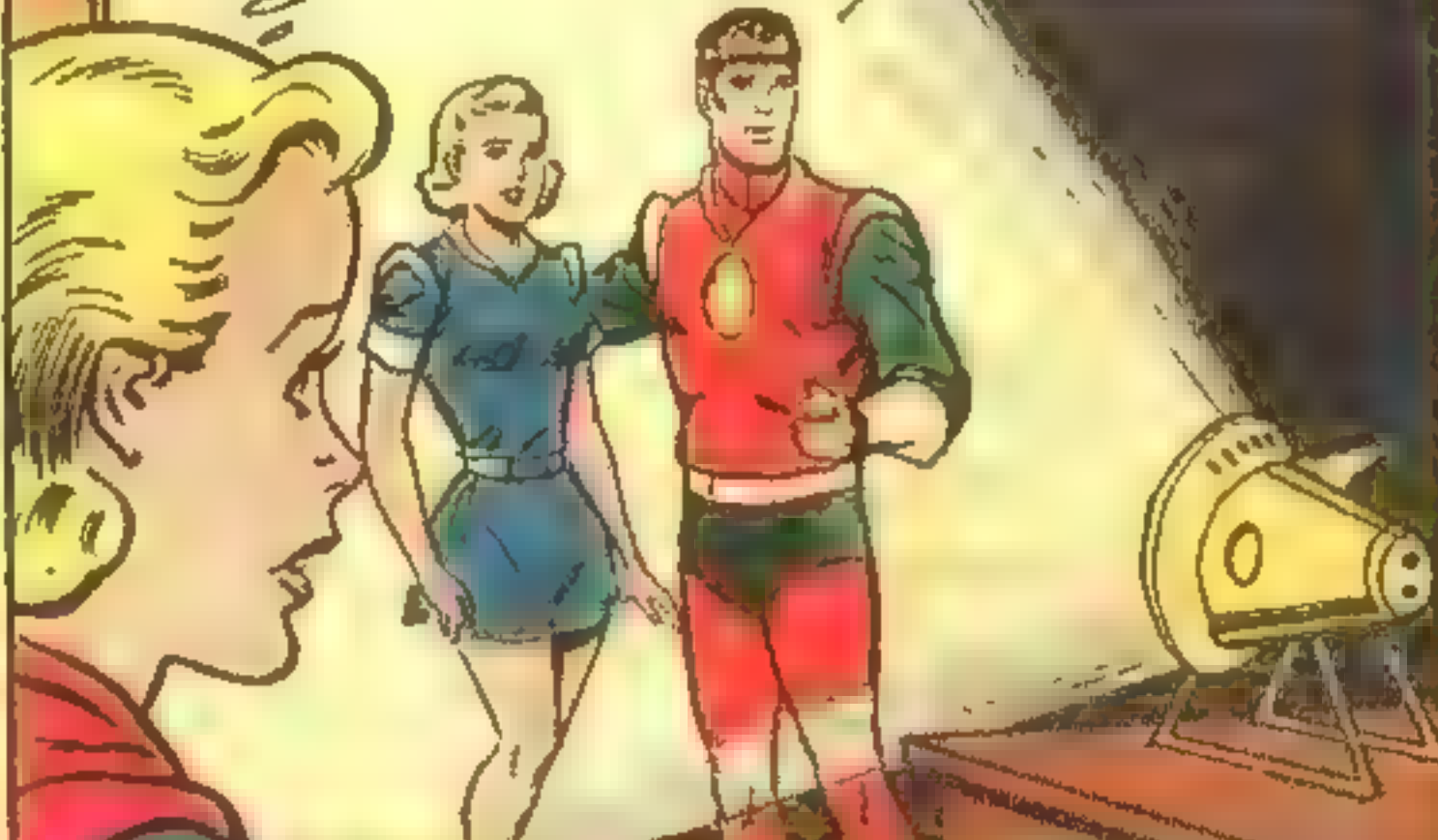
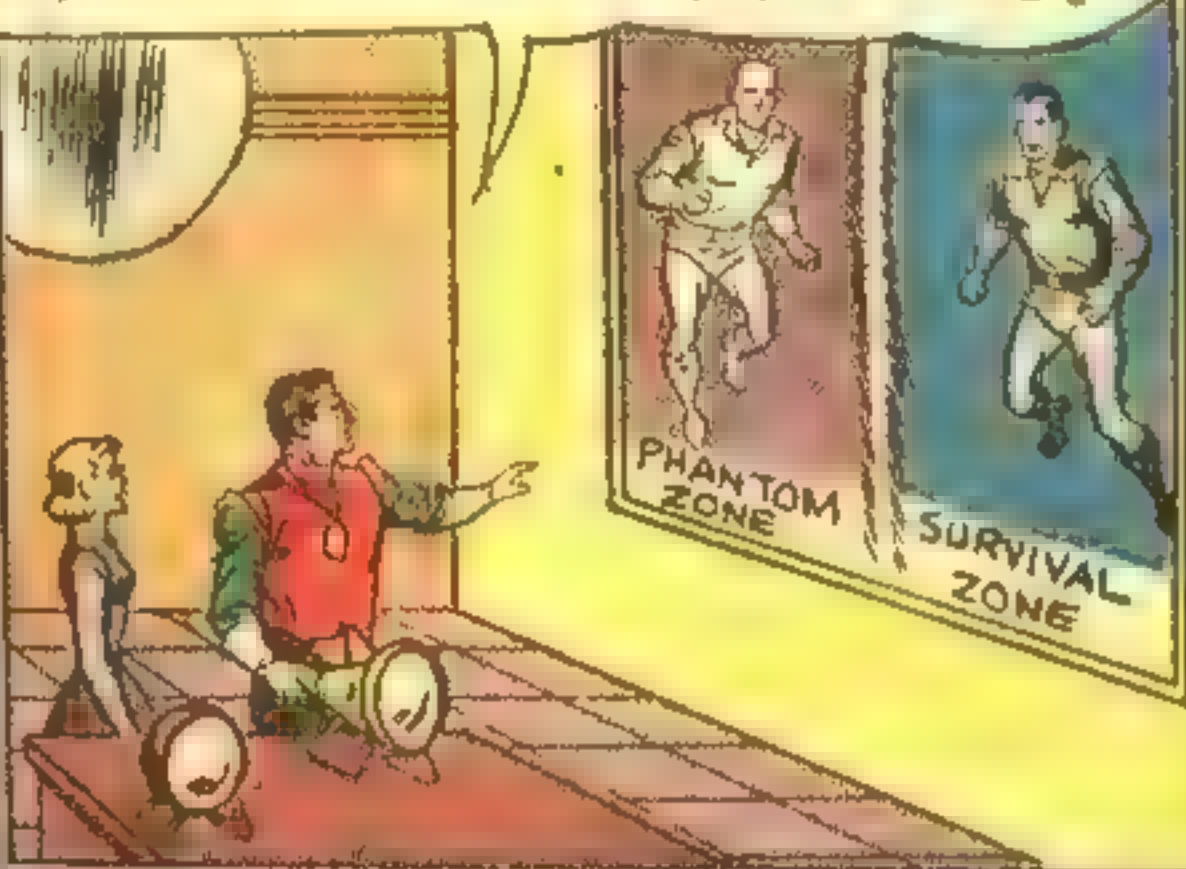
THE PHANTOM ZONE? DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO SEND US ALL INTO THAT PRISON WITH KRYPTON'S WORST CRIMINALS!;



NO! BY MY CALCULATIONS, THERE IS ROOM FOR ANOTHER ZONE ON A DIFFERENT WAVELENGTH WHICH WE COULD CALL THE SURVIVAL ZONE! THIS RAY GUN COULD PROJECT US THERE! WE'LL TEST IT ON OURSELVES! THE TIME-CONTROLS ARE SET TO RETURN US TO THE REAL WORLD IN A FEW MINUTES!

BUT... MY FATHER AND MOTHER RISKED THEIR LIVES IN AN EXPERIMENT TO SAVE ARGO CITY, BUT IT'S USELESS!

MY RAY GUN IS A FAILURE! IT DIDN'T PROJECT US INTO THE SURVIVAL ZONE!; GULP!; I'LL DESTROY IT!



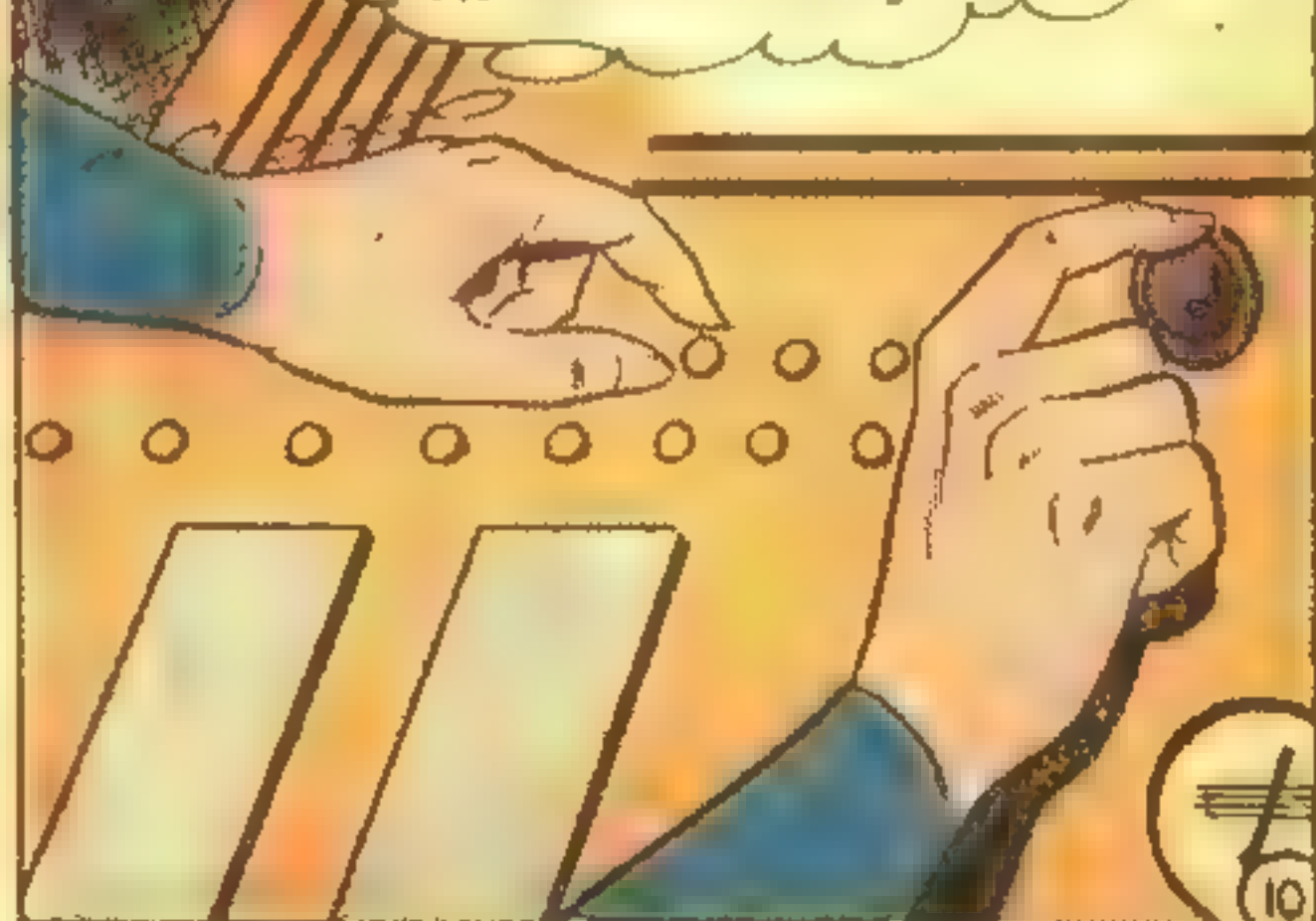
THEN SUPERGIRL RELIVES HER MOST TRAGIC EXPERIENCE...

WE HAVE AIMED THE ROCKET FOR EARTH WITH OUR DAUGHTER INSIDE! SHE'LL JOIN SUPERMAN! FAREWELL, KARA...; GASP!;

MY FATHER... MOTHER... AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY ARE DYING! I'M AN ORPHAN OF SPACE NOW...; SOB!;

AS SUPERGIRL ADJUSTS THE CONTROLS OF THE CHRONOSCOPE...

I ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT EVERYONE IN ARGO CITY DIED! BUT NOW I'M NOT SURE! I'LL FOCUS ON THE DYING CITY TO SEE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AFTER I LEFT!



THEY'VE SET UP A DISASTER HEADQUARTERS IN **ARGO CITY**: AS CHIEF SCIENTIST, MY FATHER IS IN CHARGE, AND MY MOTHER IS HELPING HIM!

SECTOR III REPORTING! RADIATION IS FLOODING THE AREA! ONLY TWO SURVIVORS... ULP! THEIR TRANSMITTER HAS GONE SILENT!

AS THE DEADLY RAYS TAKE THEIR EFFECT THROUGHOUT **ARGO CITY**... MORE METEORS BREAKING THROUGH THE SHIELDING! THE RADIATION IS AFFECTING EVERYONE! THIS IS MY LAST REPORT! GOOD LUCK!

AND SO THE DYING CITY MEETS ITS DOOM... WE CAN'T GIVE UP... WE MUST HELP THEM... TREAT THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST!

IT'S HOPELESS... ALL DEAD... RADIATION SEEPING THROUGH OUR PROTECTIVE SUITS! WE'RE GOING NEXT!

THE RADIATION IS POURING INTO OUR HEADQUARTERS! WE'RE THE LAST TO GO, BUT NOW IT'S OUR TURN! GOOD BYE, ALLURA DEAREST!

MOTHER! FATHER!... I'M WATCHING THEIR LAST MOMENTS! OH, WHY DID I PUT ON THE CHRONOSCOPE! SOB! I CAN'T BEAR THIS TORMENT!

SUDDENLY... THE RADIATION MUST BE AFFECTING MY VISION! YOU SEEM TO BE DISAPPEARING, ALLURA!

YOU TOO, DARLING! WHAT'S HAPPENED? CAN IT BE THE RADIATION, OR--

I HAVE IT! I THOUGHT THE SURVIVAL ZONE RAY-GUN DIDN'T WORK! BUT THIS RADIATION CAUSED A DELAYED REACTION! WE'RE GOING INTO THE SURVIVAL ZONE!

WE'LL BE SAFE THERE! CHOKE! WHAT A PITY WE DIDN'T KNOW THIS BEFORE! WE COULD HAVE SAVED ALL ARGO CITY!

AS SUPERGIRL TURNS OFF THE CHRONOSCOPE...

I UNDERSTAND IT ALL NOW! MY REAL FATHER AND MOTHER NEVER DIED ON ARGO CITY! CHOKE! THEY'RE STILL ALIVE AND WELL IN THE SURVIVAL ZONE!

THEN YOU'RE NOT AN ORPHAN! HOW WONDERFUL!

ALL THESE YEARS I THOUGHT THEY WERE DEAD! WHY DIDN'T THEY CONTACT ME BEFORE?

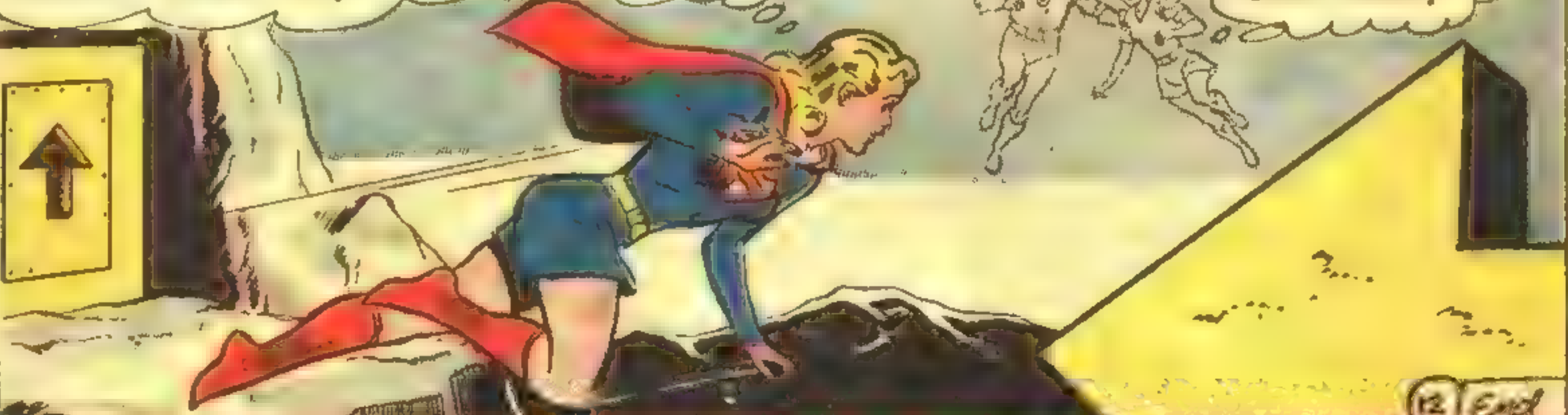
PERHAPS THEY COULDN'T! THE SURVIVAL ZONE MAY HAVE BEEN DRIFTING IN A REMOTE CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE FOR YEARS! THEY HAD TO WAIT UNTIL IT APPROACHED EARTH!

FROM A SHADOWY DIMENSION, TWO INVISIBLE BEINGS WATCH...

OUR YEARS OF LONELINESS ARE OVER, DEAR! OUR DAUGHTER KNOWS WE ARE LIVING! I KNOW SHE'LL TRY TO GET US OUT OF THIS INVISIBLE DIMENSION SO WE CAN JOIN HER AT LAST!

MOTHER! FATHER! I KNOW YOU'RE CLOSE BY! I CAN SENSE YOUR PRESENCE SOMEHOW! GULP! I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN REACH YOU... HOW I CAN HELP YOU ESCAPE THE ZONE? BUT I PROMISE TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO BRING YOU BACK TO THE WORLD OF REALITY!

OUR DAUGHTER! I'M SO PROUD OF HER! I LONG FOR THE DAY WHEN WE CAN HOLD HER IN OUR ARMS ONCE MORE!



AND SO AFTER LONG YEARS, SUPERGIRL FINDS HER LOST PARENTS! BUT HOW CAN SHE SAVE THEM FROM THE SURVIVAL ZONE? HOW WILL THESE STARTLING EVENTS AFFECT SUPERGIRL'S CAREER? SEE THE NEXT ISSUE OF ACTION COMICS!

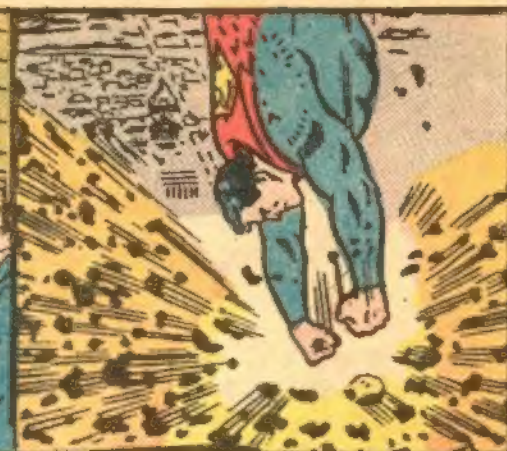
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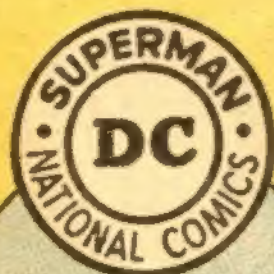
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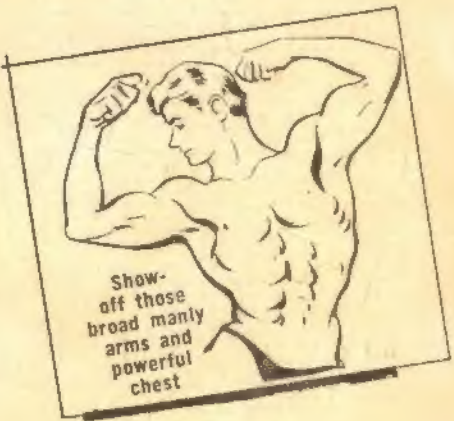


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